

# First Youth Party Saturday Night

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### Accept Contract For Stafford Hall

A contract for construction of a second addition to Stafford Hall for men at West Texas State College has been awarded, following approval of a \$300,000.00 loan from the Housing and Home Finance Agency in Washington.

Floyd Richards Construction Company of Amarillo, with a successful bid of \$248,849.00, was awarded the contract. It was approved in Dallas by the Board of Regents of Texas State Teachers College, shortly after Rep. Walter Rogers had notified President James P. Cornette of the loan's approval.

The Richards company already holds contracts valued at \$1,187,841.00 for two new dormitories and an addition to the college cafeteria.

The latest loan of \$300,000.00 has been added to a \$1,300,000.00 loan approved last August by the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

Dr. Cornette said balance of the fund—after payment of architect's fees, land acquisition, interest during construction, contingent funds, and government administrative and supervisory expense—will be used to retire bonds issued for this construction.

Work on the new addition will start immediately, and work on the two dormitories, addition to the cafeteria and to Stafford, will be completed before the opening of the 1957 fall semester, Dr. Cornette said.

The new addition will house 98 boys, two in each room, and will be built on the north side of the present building. A two-story structure, it will complete a quadrangle begun when the first addition was completed in 1955. The total building will then accommodate 224 men.

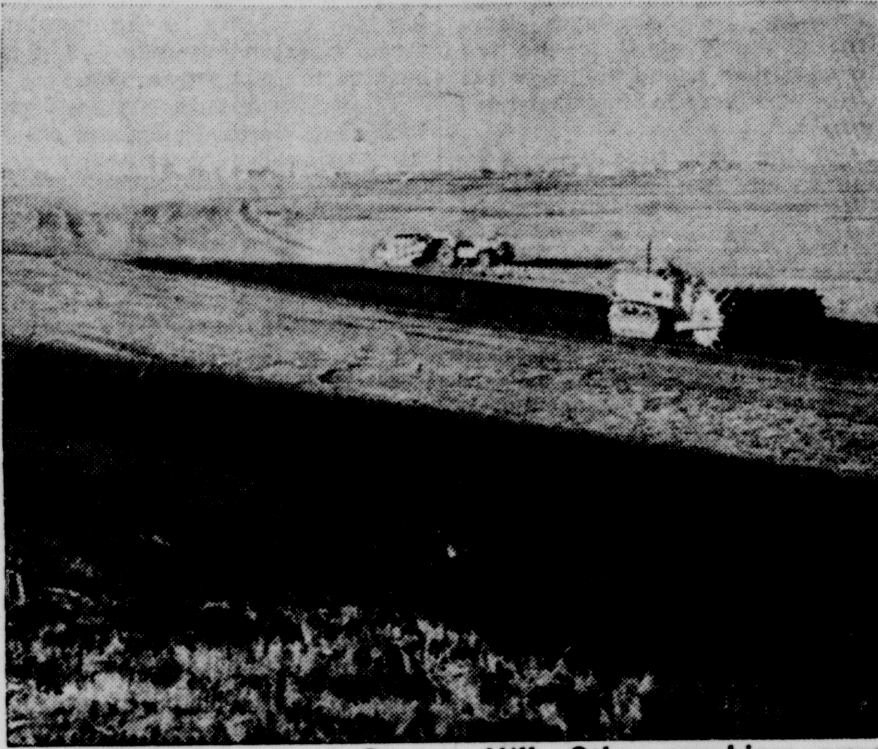
With the new dormitories now under construction, West Texas State will have housing on the campus for 1,132 men and women at the start of the 1957-58 school year.

Cousins, Randall and the third new dormitory for women will accommodate 612 girls, while Conner, Stafford, Terrill and the new men's dormitory will house 520 boys.

### Expressway Work Begins in Randall County



Workmen from the Ivan Dement Company of Amarillo moved on the job the middle of last week and by the week's end had done considerable work. The heavy machines had scraped a lane from Highway 60 down around the intersection and



almost to the top of Canyon Hill. Other machines were straightening the channel of Palo Duro Creek and using the dirt to build a fill. The workmen knocked off Friday afternoon for the holidays.

## Introducing 1957 HD Officers

By DOVIE CHERRY

"I think home demonstration work has been worth a lot to the whole community... socially as well as in the home," said Mrs. E. W. Schaeffer as she sat visiting with her daughter, Evelyn Shipman, after preparing for Christmas.

Mrs. Schaeffer is one of four home demonstration charter club members who will assume official club responsibilities in January. Also elected to serve are charter members, Mrs. Orville Henry, Mrs. Earl Davis and Mrs. T. J. Bonds.

A member of Fairview H. D. (it used to be Centerville), since it was officially organized in 1932, Mrs. Schaeffer has served in "just about all" of the offices. She will be council delegate in '57.

Mrs. Schaeffer especially liked the home decoration work done by the clubs. She likes to do handwork such as crochet, and

seems to find plenty to keep her busy. "It's nothing to do that gets an older person down," she said.

Projects in gardening and cooking were a benefit to Mrs. Schaeffer as she said she canned about 500 jars of garden products when her children were at home. She has five children, all married, and 11 grandchildren.

Mrs. Schaeffer has lived in the Fairview Community since 1921, when she married. She went to the Gillham School, now abandoned, and attended high school at Happy the first year it opened.

Also to be a council delegate this next year, Mrs. Earl Davis from the Jowell H. D., likes crafts and last week was busy making copper plate pictures for Christmas presents, a craft she learned in home demonstration work.

"Yes, I think I've learned a lot in H. D.," she said. During the first few years she recalls studying about canning, meat preserving, gardening, baking, yeast breads and cakes. She put the course in tailored sewing to good use and made herself a 100% wool, grey suit. With the lining in both jacket and skirt, she believes the suit cost about \$28, but values it at \$80.

She has two children, a son and a daughter, who is married and has two children. She served as president of the club the first year of organization and secretary of the council the first years.

After attending school at Canyon, she taught for 8½ years in Trig, Zita, Jowell, Sunny Slope, Randall County communities, and in Swisher County. She teaches the Phebe Sunday School class

at the First Baptist Church.

President of the Jowell H. D. will be a charter member, Mrs. Bonds, who has lived in Jowell Community since 1925 and was a member of the first H. D. club formed in 1929 and reorganized in 1932, as was Mrs. Davis.

She has two sons, Lloyd, who is married, and Kenneth. She has four grandchildren.

Mrs. Bonds is grateful for home demonstration clubs because of the social opportunities it gives. "If we didn't have the H. D., I don't guess we would

ever see our neighbors," she said.

She enthusiastically told of crafts learned in H. D., such as making summer hats and remodeling felt hats, and added that courses in cooking, canning and preserving had helped her.

Mrs. Bonds has served as secretary and council delegate. Wife of a farmer, she has two sons, Lloyd, married, and Kenneth. Lloyd has four children. She was born at Lockney and has lived in the country all her life.

The fourth charter member is Mrs. Henry, who will be presi-

## Double Headers Enter Limelight

The team which emerges unbeaten in the fifth annual Holiday Doubleheaders Friday and Saturday in the West Texas State fieldhouse, will probably do so only by the skin of its teeth.

While none of the four college squads entered has a winning record so far, each has shown potential and appear to be very evenly matched.

Action gets underway Friday at 7 p. m., with the Texas Western Miners taking on the New Mexico Lobos, for a rematch of an earlier game. The nightcap will pit West Texas and the North Texas Eagles. On the second night, the Miners and Eagles will tangle, while West Texas and New Mexico will furnish the climax at 9 p. m.

The Buffaloes, unbeaten on their

home court, have a 2-4 record, while New Mexico and Texas Western each have 3-5 records, and the North Texas Eagles have a 0-7 record.

New Mexico, under Coach Bill Stockton, will be making its third visit to the holiday cage attraction, and the Miners and Eagles are appearing for the first time.

The Texas Western-New Mexico game will be a rematch of one played earlier this season in El Paso. The Miners won that game 75-65, but New Mexico plans a different score on a neutral court.

While none of the teams boast a winning record, all have played tough opposition. North Texas has dropped decisions to such teams as Texas, Centenary, Baylor, and Southwest Texas State. Among the defeats on the New Mexico record are to teams like

### Schedule Junior High Students First; Senior High for Dec. 31

Saturday night at 7:30 and New Year's Eve at 9 p. m., the doors of the National Guard Armory will open for the first Canyon Community Recreation nights. On Saturday, the junior high school will meet at the armory and on New Year's Eve, the senior high school will meet. Even though the armory will be open for students Saturday night at 7:30, activities will not get fully underway until 8 to allow rural students time to arrive. The senior high night will end at 12:30.

### Need \$40 for Red Cross Aid

Another \$40 is needed to reach the Red Cross goal of \$200 for Hungarian Relief. The goal was set for Randall County by the state organization.

Those who wish to contribute may send money to the Red Cross, Box 8, Canyon.

### Services Saturday For Miss Robeson

Services in tribute to the memory of Miss Hannah Robeson were conducted at 2:30 p. m. Saturday in Warren-LaGrone Funeral Chapel by the Rev. H. Doyle Ragle, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

Pallbearers were A. B. Holt, W. H. Harden, Boone McClure, R. E. Marshall, G. W. Cox and John Gillis. Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery.

Miss Robeson, 86, died at 1:30 p. m. Thursday in Thurman Convalescent Home in Amarillo, where she had been a patient for three years.

Born Sept. 26, 1870, in Tennessee Miss Robeson moved to Canyon in 1899. She was a member of the First Methodist Church in Canyon.

Survivors include two brothers, R. L. Robeson, Warren, Ariz., and T. L. Robeson, Farmington, N. M.; and two sisters, Mrs. S. S. Coffee, Amarillo, and Mrs. R. A. Hough, Claude.

dent of the Sunny Hill Club. Mrs. Henry enjoys the sewing done in H. D. and makes or has made, nearly all the clothes for her four children which include a son married, a daughter, who is a senior at Happy High School, a daughter in the Happy sixth grade, and a girl, at home.

"I think you learn a lot in sewing that you think you would get

Membership cards will be on sale at the door both nights and during the holidays at The Canyon Drug. According to Riley Troth, chairman of the recreation program, more membership cards have been purchased by junior high students than senior high students. The price of the cards is 50 cents, as is the guest fee.

Peggy Lou Snyder of Amarillo will direct recreation and dancing for the junior high school. She will furnish records and a record player, and plans a 15-minute special entertainment for the group.

Two high school bands will play for the senior high night, a six-piece band under the direction of Norris Samuelson, WT student, and a string band under the direction of James Craig. The band will alternate so members will be able to participate in the activities.

Other than dancing, there will be both nights, games such as ping pong and shuffle board. Col. Edward Lindsey told recreation committee members in a meeting Thursday night that all equipment, which will come from Canyon churches, will be placed in the armory on Thursday.

Decorations for both nights will begin Saturday with representatives from the senior class helping.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce will furnish transportation to students who meet at the bandstand on the square or at Humble Station. Students who live too far to meet at one of these places may contact Wayne Wirt or Ralph Green.

The recreation executive committee plans to use \$50 donated by the Junior Woman's Book Club plus sales from membership and guest fees to finance the first recreation entertainment.

by experience, but don't," she said, taking time out from her candy (Con't. on Page 5, Section 1)

### Gets First Shot



March of Dimes Campaign Chairman George Blackwell anxiously awaits a Salk vaccine shot from County Health Officer Dr. R. P. Jarrett as the campaign for funds starts.

### Salk Vaccine for Adults Stressed In 1957 March of Dimes Campaign

Have you been shot lately—with Salk vaccine, that is?

This question is being asked not only to children, but adults as well. One of the main projects of the 1957 March of Dimes Drive which begins the first of January is Salk vaccine for adults as well as children.

There is plenty of vaccine this year according to Dr. R. P. Jarrett, county health officer and permanent county chairman of the March of Dimes Drive. Salk vaccine series started now will be much more effective than those started during the polio danger months according to Dr. Jarrett.

A standard price has been set at \$4 a shot which are given at both the Medical and Dental Clinic and Neblett Hospital. Three shots are given, the second three weeks

after the first and the third seven months later.

Booster shots will be needed. "Like diphtheria, you have to get booster shots, maybe in three years or in five years... they haven't told us yet."

George Blackwell is March of Dimes campaign chairman for 1957. He will be assisted by Joe Gibson.

Frank Morgan has been appointed to direct the campaigning at the college and Rex Reeves and James E. Miller will co-ordinate drives in the public schools.

Treasurer for the drive is Claire Kuehn. In charge of the mailing campaign is Mavis Harden Hill, and Gene Nelson and the Boy Scouts are to distribute coin collectors.

Barbara Wirt is publicity chairman. Joe Franks has been selected to direct the work in Umbarger.

"Great Moments of Life" will be the theme for the Pastor's Preaching Mission planned for the week following Christmas.

This is an annual project of the Canyon Pastor's Association.

The services will begin Monday, Dec. 31, and will close on Jan. 4. Each service will begin at 7 p. m.

On Monday, the Rev. Win

Matsler, pastor of the First Christian Church, will be preaching on the topic "Birth" at the Calvary Baptist Church.

Tuesday evening, the Rev. H. Doyle Ragle, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will preach on the topic "Conversion" at the First Baptist Church.

"Marriage" will be the topic of the Rev. T. Winston Wilbanks, pastor of the First Presbyterian

Church, on Wednesday evening in the First Christian Church.

The Rev. Strauss Atkinson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will preach on "Vocation" at the First Methodist Church on Thursday evening.

Closing the series on Friday evening, the Rev. Davis Harrell, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, will preach in the First Presbyterian Church on the topic "Death."

The Rev. A. J. Pettit, pastor of the Assembly of God, is a member of the Pastor's Association, but will be out of the city during the week of special services.

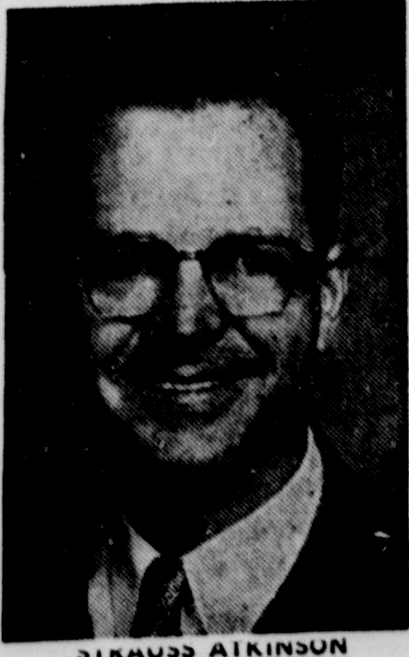
The Pastor's Preaching Mission is planned to give an opportunity for spiritual enrichment and to encourage a spirit of good-will and fellowship among the various churches.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend each of the services. Hearing the entire series on the "Great Moments of Life" will prove to be a very valuable experience, the pastors believe.

Offerings at the services will go into a fund to be used in giving aid to the needy of the community and for transients who become stranded in Canyon.



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Canyon, Texas

EDITORIAL

# Views and Comments

For years now, folks have been saying that Houston Bright's choir at West Texas State College are "better than ever before." And it's been true every year, but never more true than this year.

Less than half a hundred turned out to hear the choir sing last week, but they were treated with a unique musical experience. I've read of an audience being unwilling to applaud because of the thrill left at the end of a song, because they didn't want to end the spell—but I'd never experienced such a thing.

The last number on the choir's program last week was "Silent Night," which we've all heard a jillion times before. We've never heard it like Dr. Bright's choir sang it, though. Their singing led you into the sky above Bethlehem where you could see the star, the town, the manger and the Holy Infant asleep.

When the choir finished, there was a silence that complete, and the applause didn't start for several seconds. Even though it was hearty, at least for such a small group, and fairly exploded, the applause had an apologetic air about it, almost as if the audience was afraid it shouldn't bother the mood while showing its appreciation of the choir's artistry.

If it is at possible, the next time the choir sings in Canyon, be sure to attend the concert and be prepared for the finest.

Did you know that you can get your poll tax receipt for voting next year right now? You really don't have to wait until Jan. 31.

This is an off year for elections, and the list of eligible voters will be smaller than during general election years. On off years, we newspaper people beat our gums about everyone getting his poll tax paid just in case some election might come up.

This year there's sure to be an election coming up. Texans will vote sometime this winter on a U. S. Senator to replace Price Daniel, governor-elect and senator-elect. That's a cinch, and that's a good enough reason to be sure to pay your poll tax.

Any of a dozen other reasons could come up. You can never tell when a bond election might become necessary. People who wish a change in the status of liquor sales (in wet territory, the dries are at work; in dry territory, the wets are at work) like to pick on off years when few people have the right to vote. Deaths might occur, and national or state offices would need to be filled in interim elections.

But YOU cannot vote if you do not pay your poll tax. Bill Money and his staff would be pleased to issue your receipt now rather than just before the deadline.

Christmastime is a time when every citizen should do some serious thinking. A mysterious spirit enters the hearts of men and makes them do things they will not do at any other time of year. There is peculiarly indescribable joy that pervades even the air.

The spirit moves men toward a brotherhood that seems to melt away the day after Christmas. Love takes over from mind and men act differently. Nothing can be lonelier than a single person away from his family on Christmas Day.

The spirit of Christmas is one which could solve the world's problems if only the people of the world would live and think in the Christmas tradition throughout the year. It would not be necessary for every person to be a Christian, either—it's the spirit that is needed.

We observe Christmas on Dec. 25, although the anniversary of the birth of Jesus is only an approximate date; the exact date is not known.

For many years, Jan. 6 was observed by the Christians in Palestine as the date of both the birth and baptism of Jesus, but that was many centuries ago and the date has been changed since that time. Egyptian theologians celebrated May 20 as the date, while others had set the date as April 10 or 20.

In any event, Christmastime is the time to remember the teaching and philosophy of Jesus. So many of us have over-commercialized Christmas and made it a time of hurry, scurry and bustle that we fail to enjoy the contentment, peace and reverence that the holiday period should give us.

Probably most of our Christmas customs came from Germany, although about as many came from England. The Christmas tree and the belief in Santa Claus most likely came from Germany. The use of mistletoe stems from Germany.

The use of fireworks, a custom which is thankfully going away in this area, come from Italy, France and Spain. It originally was a custom in the Southern states and seems to have stemmed from French settlers in Louisiana.

It is interesting to note that Christmas was observed in the South much earlier than in the North. At one time during the Puritan ascendancy in England, the observance of Christmas was forbidden.

This influence extended into New England and worked against the observance of Christmas in the early years of our country. The Southern settlers were less inhibited than their strait-laced New Englanders.

The Christmas tree was not used in Massachusetts until about 1860, when John C. Buschmann, a German, put up a tree in Westfield and invited people to see it.

Christmas in the United States has become a two-headed affair, one the remembrance of the birth and life of Jesus and the other the gigantic celebration of the spirit of giving. May we never let one head grow so much bigger than the other that one is lost.

The construction warning signs went up last week just south of the underpass and at the top of Canyon hill, and it looks like work on the Randall County part of the Amarillo to Canyon expressway is about to start.

There will be plenty of confusion while the construction is going on, and no doubt there will be plenty of inconvenience to travelers. In the near future we plan to contact Byron Reese of the highway department and find out exactly how the traffic interchange just north of the underpass will be constructed. We want to find out for you if the road will be blocked for any length of time, and we'll pass the word on.

The contractor for the Happy highway widening is expected to start work right after the first of the year.

We at the Canyon News wish to extend to all of our readers and friends the heartiest of greeting—a full, memorable and joyous Merry Christmas and a Happy and fruitful New Year.

The very best to every one of you from Jack and Dorothy Haley, Charles Hillier, Gladdis Samples, Gene Mickey, Don Duncan, Diane Prichard, Don Paris, Tom Paris, James Jackson, and Dovie and Bill Cherry.



By VERN SANFORD  
Texas Press Association

Christmas has come to the Capitol, and all the traditions are being observed.

A mammoth 40-foot tree with hundreds of lights centers the rotunda. State employees, from the youngest clerk to the top man, gather 'round the huge tree once each year to sing Christmas carols.

For the first time, Gov. Allan Shivers and his family will spend Christmas in the Mansion. In the past they've gone to Sharyland, their Rio Grande Valley home. But this year they're staying here to get ready for moving.

Sen. Daniel is working against time to get legislative and inauguration plans settled before the first of the year. Then he must go to Washington to serve two more weeks as senator.

But between being senator and getting ready to be governor, the Daniels hope to sandwich in a simple family holiday at their Liberty ranch home.

"Better Government" Bills  
An extensive legislative program designed to prevent recurrence of state scandals has been unveiled.

Sixteen "better government" bills were formulated in the attorney general's department under sponsorship of the Texas Press Association. TPA's legislative committee approved the measures and has called on Texas newspapers to work for their passage.

Bills are aimed primarily at secrecy in public affairs. They would outlaw closed meetings of governmental bodies, force publication of official transactions and impose penalties for suppression of public records. Insurance companies would be required to publish financial statements at least twice a year. Names of veterans applying for land under the veterans land program would be publicized.

Committee members also endorsed creation of a special Travis County grand jury for state affairs.

Daniel Backs Water Plan  
Gov. Price Daniel will submit as emergency legislation the proposed \$100,000,000 water development fund.

Daniel said he will support this and other objectives of the Texas

Water Resources Committee's program. But he said he wants to study further before making a tax recommendation.

According to committee members, the \$100,000,000 revolving fund would not require a special tax. It would be used to extend credit to local governments for water conservation projects.

However, the committee did suggest taxes to buy water storage space in federal reservoirs. Proposed levies would increase fishing licenses 50 cents and place a five per cent excise on pleasure boats and motors.

Cities Fight Over Water  
Texas' largest cities have squared off in a water rights battle that promises to surpass all others.

Southern Canal Company has asked the State Water Board for a permit to withdraw 200 million gallons daily from the Trinity River for industrial use in the Houston area. Houston has indicated it is backing the company's plan.

Trinity River Authority, together with Fort Worth, Dallas and other cities using Trinity water are protesting.

Testimony before the Water Board is expected to be complex and lengthy.

Waterfall Deficient  
All areas of the state are nearing the end of the year with substantially less-than-normal rainfall.

State Board of Water Engineers reports 11-months deficiencies ranging from 12 to 19 inches. Storage in major lakes continues at about 43 per cent of capacity.

Drought Aid Extended  
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture has extended from Dec. 31 until March 15 the emergency program to help livestock owners in drought areas buy feed.

Gov. Shivers commended this decision and asked that USDA also extend grazing privileges under the soil bank program. He requested railroads to continue reduced freight rates for hay shipments to drought areas.

Cameron and Willacy Counties have been added to bring the total drought-hit counties in Texas to 238 out of 254.

Second Woman Governor  
To Mrs. Neveille Colson of Navasota went the distinction of being Texas' first woman governor since Mrs. Miriam Ferguson.

Mrs. Colson's senate colleagues had named her interim president pro tempore, an office second in line to the governorship. Gov. Shivers and Lt. Gov. Ramsey gallantly left the state so Mrs. Colson could have the traditional "Governor for a day" honors.

She proclaimed State Highway Day in recognition of one of her primary legislative interests.

Shepherd Offers Aid  
Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepherd will go to Tennessee next month to help defend persons charged with interfering with school integration.

Shepherd, whose term of office ends Jan. 1, will act as a private citizen.

A federal court order has enjoined persons from interfering with Clinton school integration by "thought, deed or word." Shepherd said he thought this "too broad."

Short Snorts  
There'll be a several months delay, Land Commissioner Earl Rudder has told some 13,000 veterans applying to purchase land. Money from the additional \$100,000,000 bond program voted in November will not be available until sometime between April and June.

USDA has upped its forecast of Texas' 1956 cotton crop to 3,610,000 bales—a 10,000-bale increase over the November estimate.

Texas farmer is becoming a big operator, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. From 1949-54 the number of farms decreased 12 per cent, but total area under cultivation jumped by a half million acres. Result: fewer farms, but more in the \$25,000 a year bracket.

Austin school authorities may ask the legislature to establish a special school for the teen-age boys who serve the lawmakers as pages. In the past, pages have missed a semester of work.

Newly-elected prosecuting attorneys came to Austin for a short course in state codes and procedures. Sponsors were the University of Texas School of Law and the Attorney General's Department. A course for incoming sheriffs and deputies was held simultaneously by the Department of Public Safety.

## WHO KNOWS?

1. Name the ABC countries of South America.
2. Where is Mount Hood located?
3. The dragon is the emblem of what country?
4. What is the approximate population of the U. S.?
5. Which was the first state to repeal the 18th (Prohibition) Amendment?
6. What state capital is situated on the Mississippi River?
7. Name the Presidents who were assassinated.
8. How did the U. S. gain possession of the Virgin Islands?
9. What causes the child's disease, rickets?
10. Where is the famous resort, Lido, located?

## The Answers

1. Argentina, Brazil and Chile.
2. In Oregon.
3. China.
4. 162,000,000.
5. Louisiana.
6. Baton Rouge, La.
7. Abraham Lincoln, James Garfield and William McKinley.
8. Purchased from Denmark in 1917.
9. The lack of lime and phosphorus in its diet.
10. Venice, Italy.

The custom of decorating homes with greens is very ancient and widespread. Long before the Christian era the Romans decorated their homes with greens and wax tapers for the festival in honor of their God Saturn, who instructed the people in agriculture.

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# Dear Santa - -

Dear Santa,  
I am a boy 10 years old. I have a little brother 5 years old named Kent, and a new little brother 2 months old named Stan. Kent would like to have a wagon, scooter and a big truck. I would like to have a typewriter, basketball, robe and Old Maid cards. Give Stanley what you think he should have. We wish you a Merry Christmas.  
Your friends,  
Rob Barnard  
Kent Barnard  
Stan Barnard

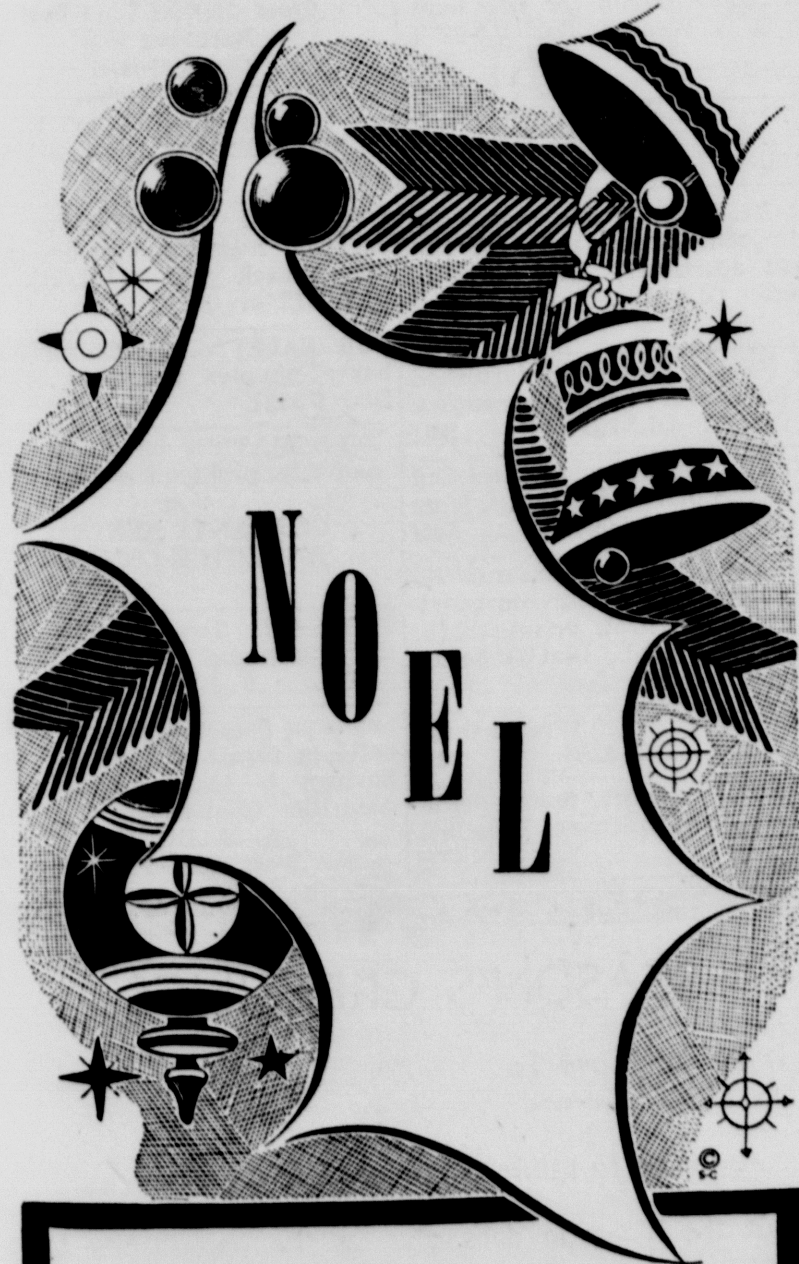
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a doll with high heels. I would also like a bracelet. John Charles, my little brother, would like a typewriter and Ruf-Rider guns. We will leave some candies for you under our tree.  
Love,  
Cynthia and John Charles Plaster

Dear Santa,  
I am Frank C. Hollabaugh, age six. I wasn't six in time to go to public school this year. I am attending a kindergarten school.  
For Christmas Santa there are several things I would like, but so you will have enough toys for all little boys and girls this year, I am only asking for a bicycle.



Again we extend the Season's Greetings and our Best Wishes!

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If we could choose a special gift for each of you, we'd wish you happiness at this Christmas Season, warm friends to share it, and good fortune for all in the years ahead.

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some fruit, nuts and candy. I will continue to be a good boy. I will be waiting until Christmas morning.

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy four years old, and have been a very good boy this year. I would like to have a cowboy suit, a cash register, cowboy boots, and a Texas Ranger Gun set.  
Please remember all the other little boys and girls and bring them something too.

Your friend,  
Jerry Wayne Mariner  
Canyon

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a pair of Wyatt Earp guns, a double trailer truck, a watch and a two-way telephone set.

I am 10 years old and in the fifth grade.

Thank You,  
Roy Fowler  
McMurtry Acres

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy six years old and in the first grade. I don't know whether I've been good or not.

I would like a tool chest, a truck and some Wyatt Earp guns.

Don't forget Mama, Daddy, Aunt Weta, my brothers and sisters and Mrs. Burgess.

Thank you,  
Gene Paul Fowler  
McMurtry Acres

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl who will be four years old in February. I would like a doll who drinks a bottle, an iron and an ironing board, a teddy bear, and a cash register. Mama says I am a sweet little girl.

Deborah Lee Fowler  
McMurtry Acres

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa:  
Love me tender,  
Love me blue,  
Send me so many presents  
I won't know what to do.

Love,  
Rena Gayle Hillier

P.S.: Santa, if you don't think you can make it in time, please walk faster!

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll. Remember all little children. Don't forget Mrs. Roberts.

Love,  
Katheryn Ann Lindsey

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Lane Burtz and I have a little sister named Marla. I would like a play gas station for Christmas. I'd also like some

Tinker Toys and a gun and holster set.

My little sister wants a doll and an ironing board and iron. We've been pretty good most of the time so please don't forget us and all the other little boys and girls.

Sincerely,  
LANE BURTZ  
4 years old

★ ★ ★  
I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a carpenter set and a pair of small boots. Good bye Santa.

Love,  
Randy Keith Price

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a doll, Dennis the Menace. That's all I want. Remember all the other little children.

Love,  
Jeannita Tippery

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a bride doll. Remember all the children in the world.

Love,  
Karen Sue Thompson

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a gun and a football helmet. I have been good Santa Claus. Remember my brother.

Love,  
Allan Ray McCoy

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 8 years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a gun, and a bicycle, a camera, an electric train, a basketball, a football. Remember all the other children too.

Love,  
Scott Downing

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a Betsy McCall Make Up set. And a Miss America Doll.

I have 2 brothers and 1 sister. I live on 600 8th Ave., Box 445. My telephone number 5-3283.

I wish you a merry Christmas.

Love,  
Susie Reese

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl. I will have to do some explaining before I tell you what I want for Christmas. But first I am going to tell how old I am. I am eight years old. I am in the third grade.

I want a dress, sewing machine, some clothes to make some doll clothes for my doll, some books, candy, and other things you think are best for me. But I do not want my gifts here at Canyon. Because I want my gifts up at Spearman, Texas. I came here because mother goes to school here.

My address is Stinnett, Texas. R. R. With love,  
Frances Whitson

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you very very much. I think you are very nice to give us toys every year. Will you please give me a watch and a game of any kind.

Love,  
Ann Johnston

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa,  
I want what you think I need.

Love,  
Deborah

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a doll and a bottle.

Nicci

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa,  
Bring me a big surprise.

Love,  
Terry Cron

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a ballarina doll and a bicycle and a camera. Please bring the children across the waters something.

Marsha Carole Dillon

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 8 years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a pellet gun.

Love,  
Eddy Clemmons

★ ★ ★  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 8 years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a doll, and do remember all the children.

Love,  
Susie Johnson

## Game Wardens May Give Warning To Santa Claus for Christmas

AUSTIN—The Director of Law Enforcement for the Game and Fish Commission said he considered cabling an alert to Santa Claus to "act natural" when he whizzes through Texas Christmas Eve.

The warning was prompted, said E. M. Sprott, by "some pretty wild carrying on" during the current fall wildlife harvest.

He qualified his observation by citing that, during the last 30 days, 378 complaints were filed against hunters who paid a combined total of \$10,616.96 in fines and court costs.

This was one of the highest overall assessments ever levied in one month in recent years.

Sprott cited one item as typical of the harem-scarum antics: Forty-eight persons were charged with shooting game from an automobile.

Other major offenses included: No hunting license, 52; taking game in closed season, 36; hunting at night, 33; exceeding bag limit, 22 (including 10 over limits on geese); untagged deer, 22; and using un-

plugged gun, 6. The director called particular attention to "a rash of complaints" about hunters not properly filling out deer tags. He suggested gunners follow instructions and abide by the state law.

Fishermen also got into the arrest report act. Twenty-four were fined for lacking licenses and 13 were fined on for "telephoning" fish.

"It was a pretty busy month for our field men," said Sprott. "But the violations really were not out of proportion in considering the hundreds of thousands of hunters in the field. They really cooperated pretty well. I must admit some of the totals caught the eye. But I'm confident we can safely conduct Old Santa through here when the big night comes."

Ouija Boards get their name from a combination of the French and German words for yes.

Fish swim upstream because it is easier to obtain food than by swimming downstream.

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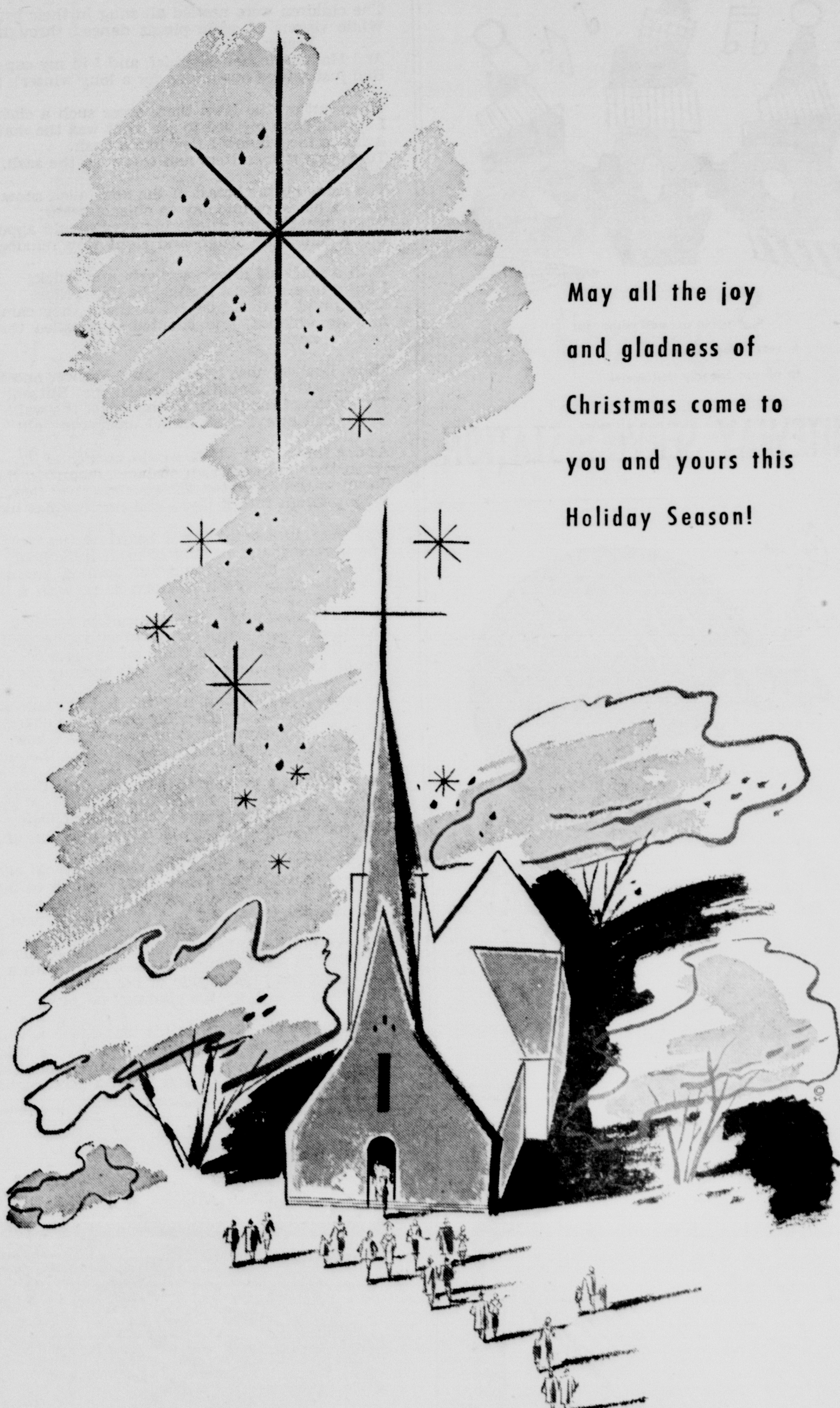
1% During Month of December.

Net Payment During Jan., 1957

Taxes unpaid will become delinquent on February 1, 1957.

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By DOVIE CHERRY

Only two days after Christmas, and here I am, nothing but an alley bum. What a degradation. To think that just two days ago, I was a V.I.P. and now nothing but a V.U.P. (very unimportant person).

You would think that people would have more respect for distinguished personnel, even more you would think that one who had given others so much joy and happiness, one who had given their very best, never faltering, would merit some honor.

No, I guess not. My heyday is passed, and it was a wonderful week, and I at least can recall by memory those seven days.

I'll close my eyes and think. Besides I don't like to look at my shabby dress . . . so plain and dull. Oh, I can see it all now. What a glamorous thing I was. So tall and straight, enticingly beautiful, why, I even smelled enticing.

Oh, how I glittered and shone, and how people and little children would stare in awe at my finery.

Even when I didn't have finery, I was handsome, healthy and had Nature's adornments to make me look nice. But during that week just before Christmas there was nothing to compare with how I looked and how I felt — so proud.

My best day was Christmas Eve. A family of five had gathered around me; I was the center of attraction. The lights were turned out, and I smiled brightly casting a warm glow in the room. Festively decorated packages that had lain around me were removed and opened. How happy everyone was. How happy I was.

The mother squealed when she got a beautiful housecoat, father beamed at his new jacket, the children were wild over the toys . . . and afterward they gathered close about me and sang carols . . . silent night . . . deck the halls . . . and one especially to me . . . oh, Christmas tree, oh, Christmas tree . . .

And that night I saw Santa Claus. He does look friendly, jolly and full of love. His smile was so big when he placed, with care around my feet, the presents for three little boys.

Christmas Day, I was not forgotten, for lots of others came to see me . . . wonderful, wonderful . . .

But, as I said, it's all over. I'm not important anymore, just a bedraggled has-been waiting for the

city dump.

Why couldn't I and that discarded tree just a few feet from me have been taken to a vacant lot and burned with other trees in a ceremony complete with the singing of carols. That way we would feel appreciated, given proper recognition, and instead of the gripes that come at undecorating us, there would be even more merrymaking. We would go up in a pine scented, cheerful flame.

There must be a better way to go.

☆ ☆ ☆  
If Christmas trees could talk, the above is what they might say. Why not plan a Christmas tree burning for your community? It's a growing custom.

☆ ☆ ☆  
A merry, merry Christmas to you and you and you.

SP2 Harold Root is spending a few days during the holidays with his parents and family, the Gene Roots. He is stationed at Fort Rucker, Ala.

## Tax Booklet Will Help Farm Returns

Farmers who are confronted with problems growing out of the new social security phases of their Federal income tax returns, as well as with other points in their tax determinations, will get a big assist from the 1956 edition of the Farmers' Tax Guide now available at Internal Revenue Service offices and from county farm agents.

The 64-page booklet has been brought up to date by tax agents and the various agricultural groups.

A million copies of the booklet have been printed again for nationwide distribution. Last year's edition was extremely well received by farmers and was highly commended by such groups as the National Grange, the American Farm Bureau Federation, the Farmers' Union and the National Livestock Tax Committee.

The booklet tells farmers how to prepare their 1956 tax return

through numerous examples on how to do it. The 1956 changes in the self-employment tax law are set out in front of the booklet, along with a check list of farm income and expenses. Farmers will have no trouble in finding the answers to particular problems since the troublesome problems are set out under separate subject headings.

The booklet also deals with such subjects as farm inventories, depreciation, capital gains and losses, casualty losses and thefts, trades, condemnations and diseased livestock, soil and water conservation, and other matters of farm interest.

The publication contains considerably more material than is included in the information booklet which will accompany 1956 farmers' tax forms, scheduled to go into the mails late in December.

Farmers who have had special problems during 1956 will be able to plan much of the calculation required by their returns by using the new guide, revenue officials said. It will enable those who file January 15 estimates to do much of their computation in advance of actual form preparation.

Farmers desiring a copy of the guide should visit either their County Agent or the local Internal Revenue Service office. The booklet can be obtained by mail from the District Director of Internal Revenue, 2101 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

## 1949 Class Reunion

The Class of 1949 at Canyon High School will have a covered dish supper reunion at 7 p. m. Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall at the First Methodist Church.

## DRAMA GROUP MEETS

The Drama group of the Canyon Branch of the AAUW will meet at the home of Mrs. A. W. Mack, 811 14th St., Monday evening, Jan. 7, at 7:30. The program will be a reading, "The Tiger at the Gates."

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who sent flowers, cards and gifts, and to all who visited me during my recent illness at Neblett Hospital. Special thanks to the nurses and doctors for their kindnesses.  
Orva Henry

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WANT TO RENT: Good irrigated farm, or will do custom plowing or seeding. E. W. Porter. Phone GY9-2437. 33tf

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#### STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the First National Bank in Canyon that the annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its offices on the second Thursday of January, 1957, the same being the 10th day of January, 1957, at 4:00 p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and considering other business which may come before the stockholders.

L. W. COLE,  
President

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FOR FARM AND RANCH LOANS, All Type of Insurance and Real Estate, see Harden & Byrd. 1605 4th Avenue. OL5-3941. 45tf

HOME LAUNDRY: Washing and Ironing. Reasonable. OL5-3016. 21tf

BEAUTY MY BUSINESS: Avon Products. Mrs. E. W. Pettitt. Dial OL5-3172 or HU8-3442 p. m. only. 21tf

FOR RENT: 3 room unfurnished house. Ph. OL5-3364. BHI Downing. 37tf

FOR RENT: Extra nice 3 room furnished apartment. Ph. OL5-3364. Bill Downing. 37tf

FOR RENT: Unfurnished house. Inquire at 1908 4th Ave. 37tf

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### FOR SALE

#### LAND AUCTION

Saturday, January 5, 1957, 2 p. m. at the farm, 2 miles east of Happy, Texas on farm to market road and 1/2 mile north N.W. quarter section 9, blk M-8 Randall County. Two 6 inch irrigation wells, perfect ditch, land lays good. All in cultivation. 38 acres wheat, 20 acres cotton. No improvements. W. H. Johnson, owner. Phone Capitol 4-2283 Plainview, Texas. Raymon Akin & Gene Harris, Auctioneers, phone Capitol 4-7892 or UN 4-3641, Plainview. 38tf

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One used 17 foot Krause One way plow, this plow is in good condition, we will make a good price on it.  
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FOR SALE: Ford tractor and equipment, reasonably priced. Call OL 5-4408 or see at 907 9th Ave. 32tf

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Westmore feed mills, new and used. You cannot beat a Westmore. We will trade for your old mill.  
HEATH & LAWLESS OLIVER CO. 35tf

#### FARM MACHINERY

Krause tandem disc will do the job; they have the weight and plenty of adjustments. See them at our store, will trade.  
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Steel Clothes Line Post  
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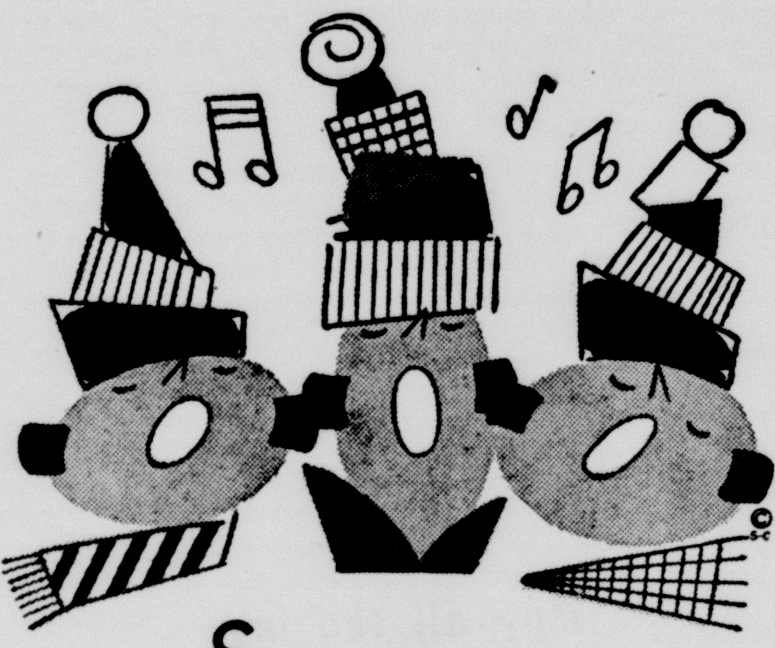
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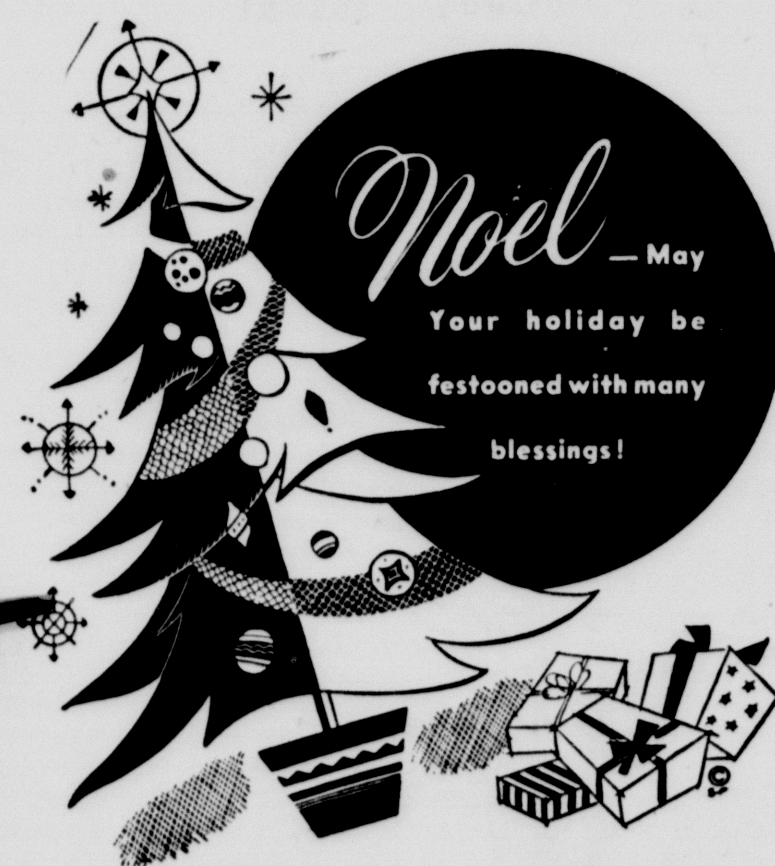
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Singing our best wishes for  
a very Merry Christmas  
to all our friendly customers!

## WHITEWAY SERVICE STATION



## HARPERS LAUNDRY

## THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

By Clement C. Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced through their heads;  
And Mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,—

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter;  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow  
Gave a lustrous mid-day to objects below;  
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be Saint Nick.  
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
And he whistled, and shouted and called them by name:

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!  
On, Comet! on, Cupid, on, Donner and Blitzen!  
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!  
Now, dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before a wild hurricane fly,  
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,  
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,  
With a sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas too!

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof,  
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.  
As I drew in my head and was turning around,  
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot!  
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,  
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack;

His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
And the beard of his chin was white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.  
He had a broad face, and a little round belly,  
That shook when he laugh'd, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump; a right jolly old elf;  
And I laughed, when I saw him, in spite of myself.  
A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head,  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings—then turned with a jerk,  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew, like the down of a thistle.  
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,  
"Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night."



## POOLE'S FARM & RANCH SUPPLY



## CHILDERS ELECTRIC



## SAMUELSON MOTOR CO.

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

It Doesn't Have To  
Be Christmas . . .

. . . for us to think of our good friends.

but the Yuletide does give us the opportunity to pause and express our appreciation for your friendship and patronage.

It's folks like you who make our business possible, and serving you is always a pleasure. It's a pleasure, too, to pause and say, "Thank You" . . . and extend a warm wish that you may have a very . . .

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

## A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

## C & M CAFE

Carl and Marie

Carl Eugene

Essie Barnard

Ma Kennedy



# New Home Demonstration Officers-

(Continued from Page 1)

making. She and her husband, who is a farmer, moved in the Sunny Hill Community in 1933. She had previously lived near this community before she was married in 1926, and attended school in Happy. Mrs. Henry was a member of a H. D. club before the official Randall County clubs were organized.

Two other women who will serve as 57 officers have been active in H. D. work for many years, although they are not charter members.

Mrs. A. R. Northcutt has been associated with H. D. work for 25 years. Wife of a farmer, Mrs. Northcutt has three daughters who live in Randall County and one son in Chicago.

She will be council delegate from the Palo Duro-Rusk H. D. Club, the club of which she has been a member for eight years. She has been a member of clubs in House, N. M., and Hutchinson County, Texas. In Briscoe County, there was no H. D. club, but she gave demonstrations on meat canning to the garden club there. Mrs. Northcutt has been presi-

dent and council delegate of the Palo Duro-Rusk H. D. Club.

"I really learned a lot in my first year in H. D. work—more than in all the rest of the years." She marvels at the progress the 4-H girls make today. "They really learn a lot . . . you should see the clothes my granddaughter makes."

She feels the 4-H girls learn as much as women did when she started in H. D. work.

Next year will be a busy one for Mrs. Ray Metcalf, H. D. worker for 22 years, who will serve in '57 as the Westside Club president. In addition to her club work, she will be busy preparing to move into a new home early next spring.

Mrs. Metcalf has been a Randall County H. D. member for 20 years, two years were in Panhandle. She has served in nearly all the offices and was a delegate to a state meeting.

Mrs. Metcalf lists frozen food and canning courses as the ones that have helped her most. "All though all of it has fitted in," she said.

Married in 1937, she is the wife of a farmer and has three children.

Other officers for '57 have considerable years of experience in club work. Mrs. Hollis Shipman, incoming president of the Fairview H. D., can claim 18 or 19 years as a 4-H sponsor or club member. Previously a secretary and demonstrator, Mrs. Shipman is the wife of a farmer and the mother of two sons and a daughter.

Mrs. Ed Reynolds has been in club work for "15 or 20 years," she estimated. She attended West Texas State College, is married to a rancher-stockman, and has been president and council delegate. She has been a member of H. D. clubs in New Mexico and Deaf Smith County. The incoming president has two sons.

Eleven years of experience are credited to Mrs. K. E. Hines who will be the president of Edgetown H. D. "I would have been in longer, but when I lived in Oklahoma, a lot of work clubs weren't open to city residents," she said.

In Salmen, Okla., the work was open to city residents and she joined. She has been a member of the Edgetown for seven years. She was a hat demonstrator for the county before coming here.

Wife of a telegraph operator with Santa Fe, she has three children, and teaches kindergarten with Mrs. T. L. Devin. Mrs. Hines has served as reporter and on different H. D. committees.

She has used an intriguing hobby of hers to fill the answer to her Christmas present problems. She makes dried seed plaques from pine cones and assorted garden or flower seed and places them on a blond wood base for contrast.

In regard to H. D. work, she said, "Yes, I think it makes your home work and practical things more interesting . . . it brings out interest of women. It helps keep work from becoming dull and monotonous. I have received a lot of good from H. D. work."

She especially enjoys city and county H. D. club combined, as she believes it helps the women to become acquainted with both city and home life.

President of the Las Amigas Club will be Mrs. Thorton Dewey. In H. D. work about three years, she has been a club secretary twice. From New York, she attended school there and studied in Europe. During World War II she wrote radio script. She and her husband, a farmer, have one daughter.

Mrs. B. L. Hufnagle will begin her second consecutive year as president of the Pleasantview club. She will also be secretary-treasurer of the council. She has been chairman of the T.H.D.A.

Mrs. Hufnagle graduated from WTSC as a home economics major. She has two children.

"I have enjoyed home demonstration work," she said. She believes it brings the community together and said it brings the latest news from the extension service and keeps her up with happenings in the county and state.

She has been in H. D. activities for four years, and has two children.

Mrs. L. C. Robinson will be president of the Arrow Point H. D., and Mrs. W. A. Wilson will lead the Canyon H. D. Club. Mrs. Robinson has been associated with club work 11 years. She is a farmer's wife with a family of three boys and two girls. Mrs. Wilson has worked in the H. D. for 1 1/2 years. Her husband is connected with the sheriff's department. They have two girls and one boy.

Incoming president of the Greenhaven Club, Mrs. H. P. Ledbetter, has four hobbies, decorating, painting, gardening and sewing, to keep her interest alive. Her husband is a carpenter-contractor and they have one girl and one boy.

Wife of a farmer, Mrs. Bill Todd has been in H. D. for three years. She will be president of the High-

land H. D. They have two girls and one boy.

Council delegates not named are Mrs. Frank Ham, Arrow Point, Mrs. Vera Boydston, Highland, Mrs. R. A. Hodges, Pleasantview, Mrs. Dick Barrett, Westside, Mrs. Charles Quanstrom, Sunny Hill, and Mrs. Calvin Costley, Las Amigas.

Delegates will meet for an introductory meeting Jan. 7.

Council chairman is Mrs. John Jennings and Mrs. Charles Conatser is vice chairman. Secretary-treasurer is Mrs. Hufnagle.

At council committee members' meeting the morning of Jan. 3, will be the finance committee: Mrs. R. A. Hodges, Mrs. Hal Zumwalt, Greenhaven H. D., Mrs. Lewis Harvey, Westside, and Mrs. Bill Wilson. Yearbook committee: Mrs. Bill Money, Canyon H. D., Mrs. Ed Reynolds and Mrs. E. W. Miller, Sunny Hill.

Recreation: Mrs. Frank Ham, Mrs. Alvin Hacker, Las Amigas, and Mrs. Ray Pennington, Westside.

Exhibit: Mrs. Piner Stevens, Edgetown, and Mrs. Glynn Burrell, Arrow Point.

Civil defense and education: Mrs. R. B. Gist Jr., Sunny Hill, and Mrs. John Plank, Highland.

Reporter: Mrs. Deene Donnell, Edgetown.

4-H chairman: Mrs. L. T. Campbell, Highland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Curtis entertained in their home this week his sister, Mrs. O. M. Powell and Mr. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dorn and two daughters, all of Lincoln, Neb.

Eugene Boston is home for about two weeks from Memphis, Tenn., visiting with his wife, Nancy, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Boston.

Legend has it that mistletoe possesses magic powers. Today, however, it is a symbol of love and the girl who does not get kissed under the mistletoe, some say, is doomed to spinsterhood for the year to come.

An old-fashioned "kissing hoop" can be made quickly and hung on a hallway ceiling fixture . . . Wrap two embroidery hoops (or small hoops about 6" to 8" in diameter) in red ribbon; put one inside the other at right angles, and tie a cluster of mistletoe in the center. Tie with a red ribbon bow at the top and suspend from ceiling.

## Tax Man Sam Sez:

A lot of ordinary citizens will become conscious of being taxpayers right after Christmas. Having the Christmas bill probably makes us feel worse over filing an income tax return at this time. The Internal Revenue folks mail a set of instructions and tax returns to every taxpayer on record the day after Christmas. If you've moved from the address they have, you won't get your instructions and tax returns.

A lot of taxpayers would like more information about paying income taxes and Uncle Sam has a booklet called "Your Federal Income Tax - 1956" which you can get from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. for 30 cents. It is my horseback opinion that if every reader of this paper paid 30 cents for this booklet and carefully studied it, and followed the advice contained in the booklet, it would be worth a hundred times (on the average) the cost.

The colors in the American flag stand for courage (red), liberty (white), and loyalty (blue).



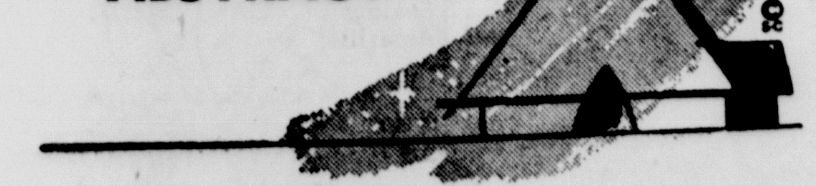
Bright and cheery greetings to all of you from all of us!

**WALDROP SERVICE STATION**



May all the rich blessings of this Holy Season be yours throughout the year!

**RANDALL CO. ABSTRACT**

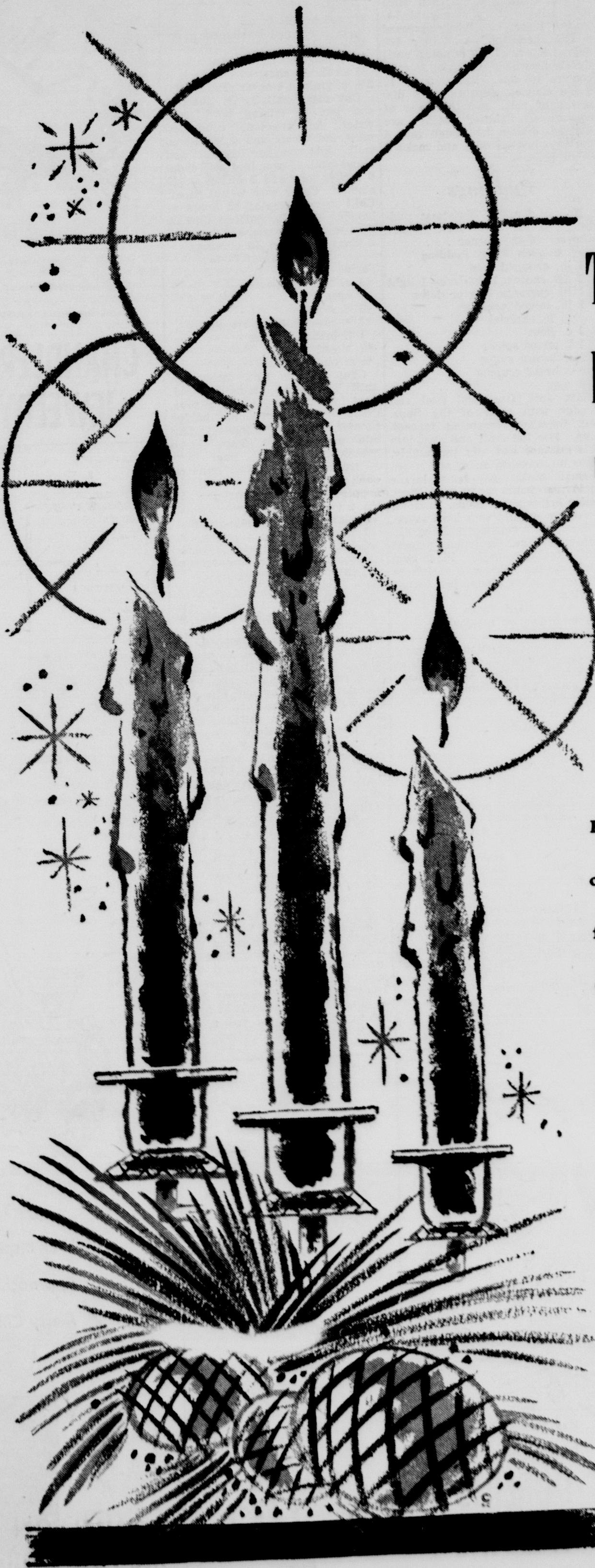


Wishing you all the joys and blessings of this holy Yuletide Season

**OPAL BEAUTY SHOP**

WANDA MELLO

OPAL PARSONS



**The Brightest Holiday Greetings To You All!**

From all of us here to all of you, we send warm and friendly wishes that this Christmas will shine as a bright spot in your memory for years to come!

**FROM EVERYONE AT COOPER'S MARKET**



Canyon, Texas

# Enticing Odors From the Kitchen Promise Plenty of Good Eating

Less than a week until Christmas and the town sparkles with Yuletide glitter and glow. From kitchens come enticing, fragrant odors promising mouth-watering delicacies—cookies, puddings and glamorous desserts.

## Cookies

Cookies, crisp and crunchy or soft and moist and decorated with bits of color, add to the festivity of the season.

### Fruit Cake Cookies

- 1/2 c. butter or margarine
  - 1/2 c. brown sugar
  - 1 egg, beaten
  - 1 t. soda
  - 1 1/2 t. milk
  - 1/2 c. flour
  - 1 t. cinnamon
  - 1 t. nutmeg
  - 1 t. allspice
  - 1 t. cloves
  - 1/4 t. salt
  - 1/4 c. fruit juice
  - 1 lb. candied pineapple
  - 1/2 lb. candied cherries
  - 4 c. pecans
- Cream butter or margarine and sugar. Beat in the egg. Dissolve

soda in the milk. Soft together the flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice, cloves and salt. Add the dry ingredients, alternately with the milk and fruit juice, to the fat and sugar mixture. Mix in fruit and nuts. Drop by spoonfuls on greased baking sheets. Bake at 300 d. F. for 20 to 30 min.

### Merry Christmas Cookies

- Light dough:
- 1/2 c. soft shortening
  - 1/2 c. sugar
  - 1 egg
  - 1/2 c. honey
  - 2 3/4 c. flour
  - 1 t. soda
  - 1 t. salt
  - 1 t. vanilla
- Mix together thoroughly the shortening, sugar, egg and honey. Sift together and stir in the flour, soda and salt. Chill dough. Roll out 1/4-inch thick. Cut into desired shapes. Place 1 inch apart on lightly greased baking sheet. Bake at 375 degrees F. until, when touched lightly with finger, no imprint remains, about 8 to 10 minutes. When cool, ice and decorate, as desired. Makes 5 dozen, 2 1/2-inch cookies.

Dark dough: Follow recipe for light dough except substitute molasses for honey and brown sugar for the white sugar. Use 2 t. cinnamon and 1 t. ginger, instead of the vanilla.

To decorate: Into 1 c. sifted confectioners' sugar, stir just enough water (about 1 T.) to make icing easy to force through pastry tube yet hold its shape. Tint, if desired, with a few drops of food coloring. Pile into pastry tube and squeeze.

Or use colored sugar. Measure 1/2 c. sugar into small bowl. Blend in vegetable food coloring with a fork: 6 drops, for light color—12 drops for medium color—24 drops for dark color. Allow sugar to dry on waxed paper at room temperature.

Cut cookies with cookie cutters into desired shapes and decorate with icing or sugar.

### Date Pinwheels

- 1 lb. dates, chopped
- 1/2 c. water
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 2 c. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 t. soda
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/2 c. butter or margarine
- 1/2 c. brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1/2 c. white sugar
- 1 egg, well beaten
- 1/2 t. vanilla

1 c. finely chopped nuts  
Combine dates, water and sugar in a saucepan and cook until thick, about 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Cool. Sift flour, measure, and resift with soda and salt. Cream butter or margarine until soft and smooth, blend in brown and white sugar, and add egg; beat until light and fluffy. Stir in vanilla. Stir in flour and place dough in refrigerator to chill at least half an hour. Turn half of chilled dough out onto waxed paper and pat out with floured hands to form a rectangular sheet; roll carefully with a lightly floured rolling pin until it is 1/4-inch thick and still rectangular. Combine cooled date mixture with the nuts, and spread half the mixture over the sheet of dough. Roll up like jelly roll, the long way of the sheet, peeling off the waxed paper as you roll. Then wrap the roll snugly in the waxed paper. It should be slender in proportion to its length. Repeat with remaining dough and filling. Chill wrapped rolls in refrigerator until firm; then slice thin, using a sharp, slender-bladed knife. Place on lightly greased cookie sheets and bake in a 400 degree F. oven for 7 minutes, until lightly browned. Transfer to cake coolers to cool. Makes 5 to 10 dozen cookies, depending on diameter of rolls and thickness of cookies. If daintier cookies are desired, divide the dough into 4 portions instead of 2 and make 4 small rolls.

## Puddings

Hooray for the Christmas pudding and for little Jack Horner who sat in the corner . . .

### English Plum Pudding

- 1 lb. chopped suet
- 2 lbs. raisins, 1 lb. dark—1 light
- 1 lb. currants, figs or dates
- 1 lb. mixed peel or 1/2 lb. cherries
- 2 c. flour
- 1 t. mixed spices
- 2 c. brown sugar
- 2 c. bread crumbs
- 8 eggs

Mix suet, fruit and peel and dredge with some of the flour. Mix together remaining ingredients. Stir the fruit and suet into this mixture and mix thoroughly. Pour into greased molds and steam—small molds one hour, larger molds two hours or longer. Place water half-way up molds. Unmold; serve hot or cold with hard sauce.

To serve a flaming pudding dip cubes of sugar in lemon extract (80% alcohol content). Place atop each serving. Touch a match to the sugar to set aflame just before serving.

### Hard Sauce

- 1/2 c. butter or margarine
  - 2 t. vanilla
  - 1 1/2 c. sifted confectioners sugar
- Cream butter until soft. Blend in sugar gradually. Add vanilla.

### Flaming Lemon Nutmeg Sauce

- 2 T. butter or margarine
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 T. cornstarch
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/2 t. nutmeg
- 1 c. boiling water
- 1 1/2 T. lemon juice

Lemon slices  
Sugar cubes  
Lemon extract (80% alcohol)  
Combine sugar, cornstarch, salt and nutmeg. Add water and cook until clear and slightly thickened. Add butter or margarine and stir until melted. Add lemon juice. Makes 1 1/4 c. of sauce.

To serve, float one-third sections of lemon slices on hot sauce. Dip cubes of sugar into lemon extract and place one on each bit of lemon. Touch a match to the sugar to set aflame. Serve hot over fruit cake or steamed pudding.

## Desserts

### Marshmallow Refrigerator Roll



May blessings unfold for you at Christmas!

**ROBERTS WELDING**

## Russians Didn't Invent Ol' Santa

The Russians, who have claimed inventing everything from the telephone to airplanes, can't lay claim to Santa Claus.

Even though St. Nicholas is the patron saint of Russia and started the first "share the wealth" program, he was a native of Asia Minor.

The legend brought back by Czar Vladimir of Russia some 600 years after the saint's death gained rapid popularity. Spreading to Lapland, "Nick" gained his reindeer-drawn sled.

Actually he was born the son of wealthy parents. After their death he gave his gold to girls without dowries by dropping it down chimneys.

One eager young miss, the legend says, hung her stockings in the chimney to catch the gold. Millions of youngsters have followed her practice, making stockings a permanent Christmas scene. The U. S. can justly lay claim to the first known picture of the present Kris Kringle. Thomas Nast, creator of the Democrat donkey and the GOP elephant, first drew a picture of St. Nick, complete with reindeer and a red suit, for Harper's Weekly.

- 32 marshmallows (1/2 lb.)
  - 1/2 c. sweetened condensed milk
  - 1/4 c. water
  - 1/2 c. chopped nut meats
  - 1/2 c. finely chopped dates
  - 2 1/2 c. graham cracker crumbs (30)
- Cut marshmallows in quarters and put in mixing bowl. Add water. Add sweetened condensed milk, nut meats and dates. Blend well. Add cracker crumbs and blend well. Form into roll about 6 inches long and 3 inches in diameter. Cover with waxed paper. Chill in refrigerator 12 hours or longer. Cut in slices. Garnish with whipped cream, and top with a cherry. Makes 10 servings.

### Mallow-walnut Torte

- 1 c. walnut meats
  - 3 eggs
  - 1/4 c. sugar
  - 1 c. fine zwieback crumbs
  - 1 t. baking powder
  - 1/4 t. salt
  - 1/2 t. cinnamon
- Chop walnuts fine. Beat eggs until light and lemon colored. Beat in sugar, a little at a time. Combine crumbs, walnuts, baking powder, salt and cinnamon; fold into egg mixture. Turn into greased 8-inch square pan. Bake at 325 degree 40 to 45 minutes. Cool in pan.

Topping  
1 1/2 t. (1/2 envelope) plain gelatin  
1 c. milk  
1 egg, separated  
1 square (1 ounce) unsweetened chocolate, finely cut  
1/4 c. sugar  
1/4 t. salt

6 marshmallows, cut in eighths  
1/4 c. whipping cream  
1/4 c. walnut meats, chopped  
Soften gelatin in 1/4 c. of the milk. Beat egg yolk lightly. Combine remaining milk, egg yolk, chocolate, sugar and salt. Stir over hot water until mixture thickens slightly. Blend in softened gelatin; stir until dissolved. Cool until mixture thickens. Fold in the marshmallows, stiffly beaten egg white, whipped cream and walnuts. Spoon over cooled Torte and chill until firm. Cut in squares to serve. Makes 9 servings.

**Cranberry Crunch**  
1 c. uncooked rolled oats  
1/2 c. all-purpose flour  
1 c. brown sugar  
1/2 c. butter or margarine  
2 c. cranberry sauce (jellied or whole)  
1 qt. vanilla ice cream

Mix oats, flour and brown sugar. Cut in butter or margarine until crumbly. Place half of this mixture in an 8x8-inch greased cake pan. Cover with cranberry sauce. Top with balance of mixture. Bake 45 minutes at 350 degrees F. Serve hot in squares topped with scoops of vanilla ice cream. Serves 6 to 8.

## Dear Santa --

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a Roy Rogers watch and a suit and a typewriter.

Love,  
Eddie Glen Turner  
★ ★ ★

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 8 years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a record player and a doll bathenette. And remember the children overseas. And don't forget my teacher. She wants a billfold and a coat.

Love,  
Andrea Gail Farr  
★ ★ ★

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a bicycle and a BB gun. Remember little children. Do not forget my teacher, Mrs. Roberts.

Love,  
James Day



It is our hope that this Christmastime will be the merriest you have ever known!

**CHANDLER'S JEWELRY**



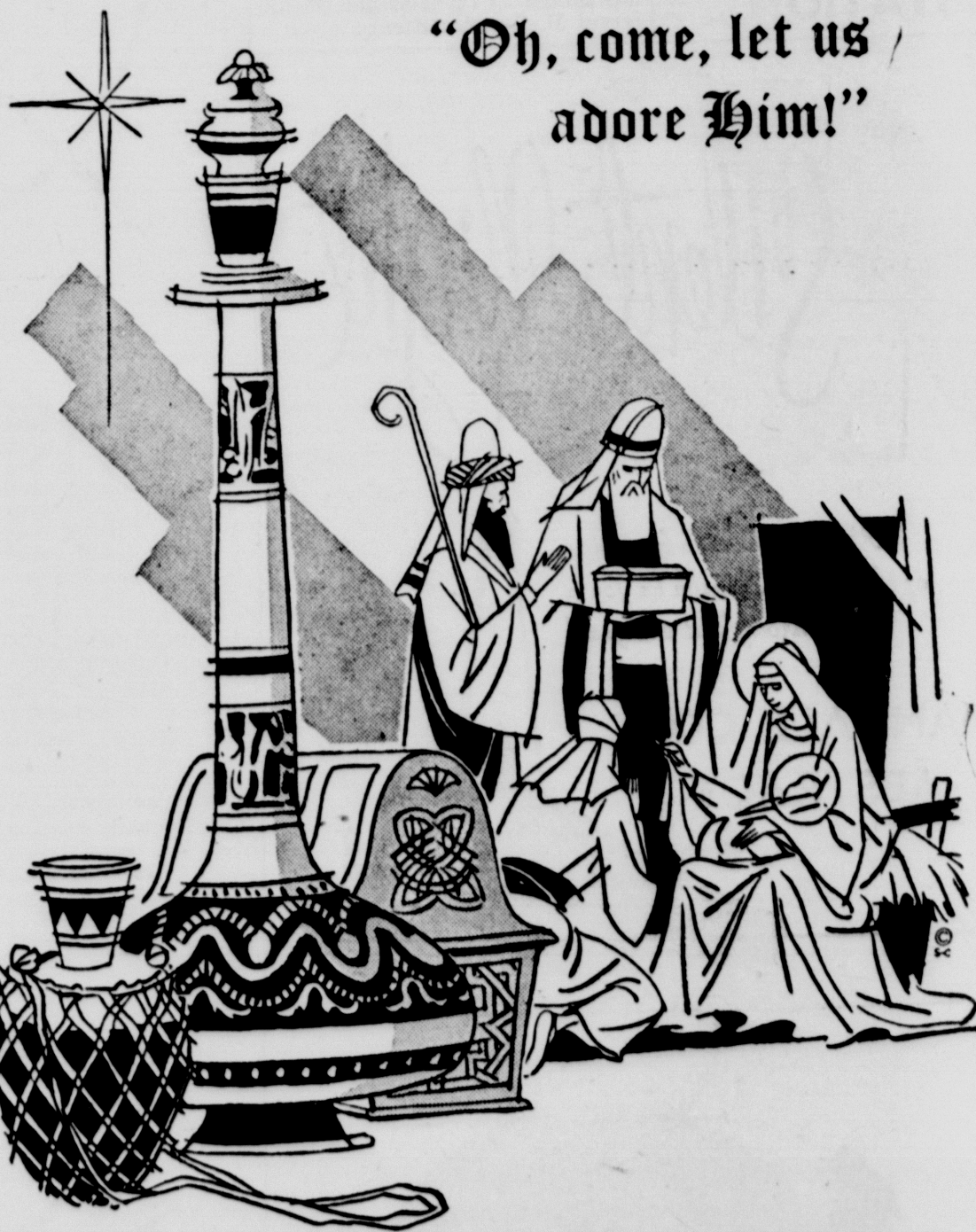
MERRY CHRISTMAS to all our friends — old and new — may it bring the best for you!

**HARWOOD AND SON GROCERY**



Here's hoping that you have a very Merry Christmas! and a Happy New Year

**CUNNINGHAM APPLIANCE**



"Oh, come, let us adore Him!"

Today, as of old, the promise of Peace and Good Will inspires mankind with new hope as Christmastime approaches. May the blessings of the season be yours — Merry Christmas to all!

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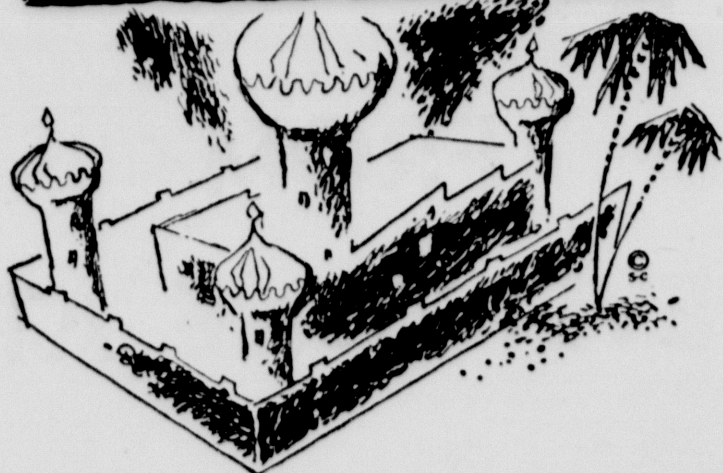
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As the songs of angels rang out with the glorious message of old, may Christmas again bring new hope and blessings to all of you!

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Canyon, Texas



# Dear Santa --

Dear Santa,  
I am 8 years old. Please bring  
me an electric train.  
Love,  
Roy Lewis

★ ★ ★

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 7 years old. I am in the  
second grade. Please bring me a  
Dennis the Menace, and don't forget  
my teacher, and don't forget  
children overseas, and don't forget  
my brothers and sister.  
Love,  
Nelda Jean Freman

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 8 years old. I am in the  
second grade. Please bring me an  
airplane with a motor. Dear Santa  
Claus give us something for our  
room.  
Please bring something for Mrs.  
Roberts, a billfold, and a hat and  
a coat.  
Love,  
Clayton Parker

★ ★ ★

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 7 years old. I am in the  
second grade. Please bring me a  
bicycle, a grocery store, and a foot-  
ball suit.  
Love,  
Mike Bellah

★ ★ ★

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 7 years old. I am in the  
second grade. Please bring me a  
doll. And remember Bobby. He  
wants a football suit. Remember  
Mrs. Roberts too.  
Love,  
Janet Haggard

★ ★ ★

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 7 years old. I am in the  
second grade. Please bring me a  
football suit and a bicycle. And  
Santa Claus remember the children  
across the ocean.  
And Santa Claus remember Mrs.  
Roberts. My teacher.  
Love,  
Charles Widick

★ ★ ★

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 7 years old. I am in the  
second grade. Please bring me a  
BB pistol and a bicycle and re-  
member others overseas, and don't  
forget Mrs. Roberts.  
Love,  
Michael Hamner

★ ★ ★

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 7 years old. I am in the  
second grade. Please bring me a  
doll and a bicycle and an accor-  
dion.  
Remember other children. Ball,  
a ring, a suit.  
Love,  
Lynn Watson



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PAINT CO.



**APPLE CASTLE**—This ornamental tower in Frasnay, France, should be a monument to health, if apples a day keep doctors away. Representing the local Tower of Avesnes Church, the clever reproduction is made of hundreds of apples. Displayed at the Fruit Exhibition, the castle managed to withstand wandering hands and remain intact for the duration of the show.

## Star of Bethlehem Still Puzzles Astronomers, Historians After Years

After two thousand years, the Star of Bethlehem is still as puzzling to astronomers and historians as it was awesome to the Biblical shepherds.

Astronomy offers four possible explanations of the brilliant star which still shines as a Christmas-tide symbol.

It might have been a great meteor, appearing to fall toward the eastern horizon over Bethlehem—except that a meteor is seen only locally and glitters but a few seconds.

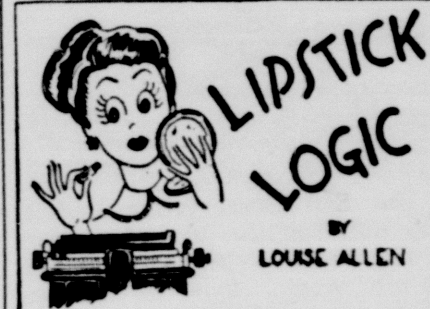
It might have been a comet. It might have been a nova, or "new star," one of those which appears temporarily and shines for a time with unusual brilliance. Hipparchus recorded such a star in 134 BC, and Tycho Brahe discovered his famous nova in 1572. Again in 1604, Kepler charted a similar phenomenon.

The nova is identified more frequently than any other astronomical object as the Bethlehem star.

The coming together of two or more major planets might also cause such a brilliant light. Jupiter, Saturn and Mars are known to have been in conjunction in 76 BC and again on Dec. 17, 1603.

Whatever the answer, the Star of the East glows unwaveringly in the tradition and spirit of Christmas, guiding worshippers to the manger of the new-born King.

"Fan," meaning an enthusiast, comes from the word "fanatic."



Now take the Christmas Shopper... Well, take her or leave her... But whether she's doing it in August or December, she's an interesting study in feminine psychology.

If she's thrifty, methodical and hates crowds, she shops on the installment plan. She noted what who got last year, who thought what was "cute," and who had to borrow a sweater at the Christmas dinner. Then she has the entire year before her in which to find just the right thing for each person on her Christmas list.

If she likes sales, on the other hand, she uses Christmas buying as an excuse to let herself go. She stocks up on "bargains" of all descriptions, decides later who gets what.

As for ourselves, we like to plunge right into the Christmas swim. We enjoy the decorated stores, the gay crowds, the family groups around cosmetic counters or in menswear.

This year, we tried a new tack. We sat down first and read the gift catalogs that flooded the mails. What a strange thing that does to the Christmas urge!

"Now, let's see... Something for Ruth... A purse lighter? No, she already has three... Perfume? I wouldn't know what brand... A sewing basket? A luggage rack?" So off we go to inspect one especially inviting item, but if we get home with it instead of three other things, entirely unrelated, it's the surprise of the day.

Catalog shopping is a whale of fun. It's easy on the feet, keeps prices in the dry light of home surroundings, and furnishes an outlet for buying urge at a safe distance from town or the postoffice.

Only "X" more shopping days till Christmas? So what? On Christmas Eve, it's still fun!



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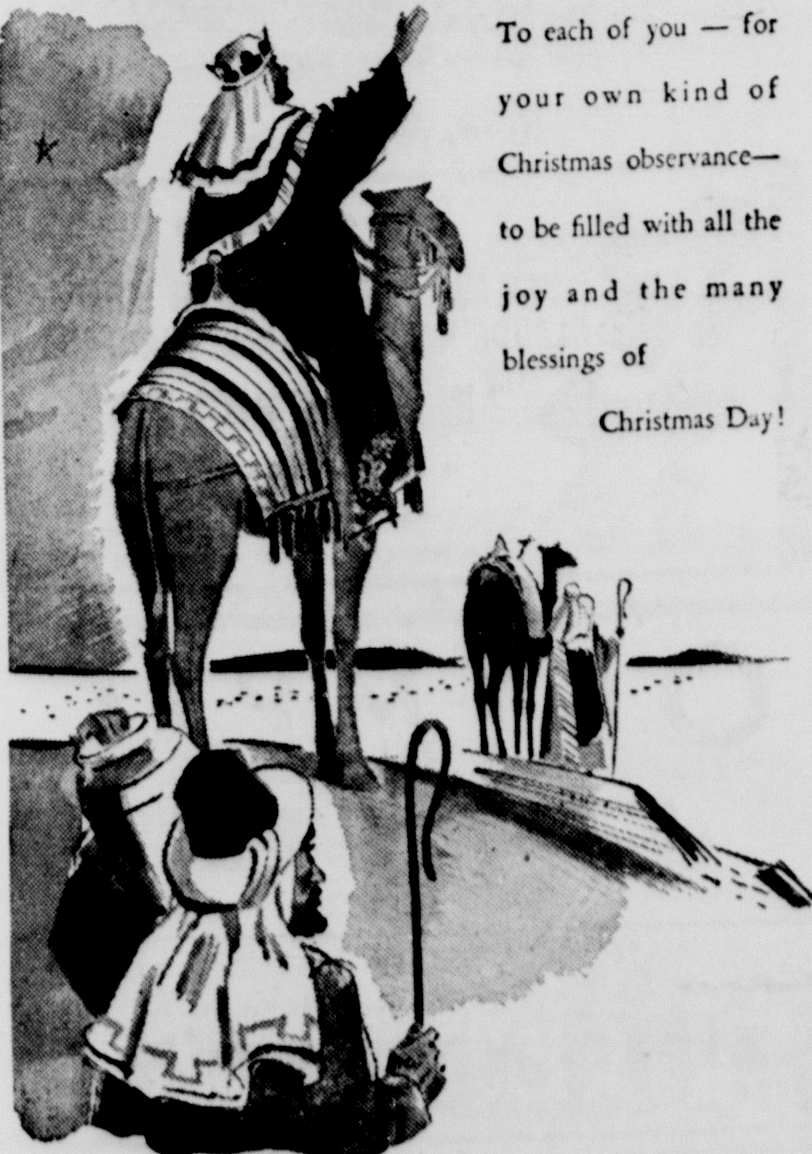
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To our many customers and friends,  
our sincere wishes for your happiness  
and a Merry, Merry Christmas to you all!

**WARREN'S**

**CANYON DRUG**





Canyon, Texas

## Happy Birthday

December 27

Mrs. Bill Howse  
Mrs. Marvin Fite  
Raynelle Rigby Hinds  
Mrs. S. B. Louder  
Roy S. Franklin Jr.  
Jackie Barnard  
Arlen Ruthart

December 28

Theresa Nell Smith  
Coyle F. Shenefelt  
Marsene Penick Ford  
Mrs. Herbert Gerdson  
David Dowd Carter

December 29

Mrs. Herschel Coffee  
Frieda Menke  
Thomas Bolling  
Mrs. Victor Steen  
Elmer Gene Mickey

December 30

Joe Cook  
Earl Gene Peppard  
Mrs. Dale Wegrich  
Neil Kilchriste  
Jeanette Shelnett  
Glenna Stroup

December 31

Bill Knighton  
A. H. Prichard  
Mary Lange  
Raymond La Cour  
Billy Neal McMillan  
C. E. Colling  
Walter Boehning  
Richard A. Gray  
Bobby King

January 1

Tommy Hunter  
Mrs. Emma L. Foster  
Mary Koenig  
Billy Thomas  
O. F. Meyers  
Mrs. Bertie Strain  
Mrs. Walter Graham  
Clyde Mullins



Santa Claus won't have any trouble finding the A. P. Sanford Jr. home when he makes his annual visit Christmas Eve. The Sanfords have a replica of Santa, his sleigh and reindeer on their rooftop, and the pictures should be a beacon for the jolly man.

Virginia Lynn Blackburn

January 2

Mrs. Glenn Broden  
Billy Oscar Gano  
Mrs. Ed Bozot  
Bradford Black  
Mrs. Chester Dowell  
Harold Root  
C. W. Fewell  
Herschel Coffee

## Santa on the Rooftop

## Christmas Music Is P-TA Program

A program of Christmas music was given Thursday night for the Canyon P-TA in the auditorium of the elementary school.

Dudley Moore, who was in charge of the program, introduced the three vocal groups, the fifth grade, the Chapel Belles, girls quartet, and an adult mixed choir.

The fifth grade, directed by Royal Brantley and accompanied by Mrs. Glenn Dowlen at the piano, sang, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem," "Away in a Manger," and "Angels We Have Heard on High."

With James B. Johnson, director, as soloist, the Chapel Belles sang "As Lately We Watched." Mrs. R. D. Wheelock, pianist, accompanied the groups. The quartet included Joy Gray, Wanda Rogers, Beverly Henson and Mayla Atkinson.

Brantley also directed the adult choir which sang "Lo, How a Rose 'Er Blooming," and "Ah, Dearest Jesus." Mrs. Dowlen played the organ accompaniment.

Mrs. Virginia Raillard concluded the program with the Christmas story as the choir sang "O, Little Town of Bethlehem."

Buy, Build, Live In Canyon!

## Ed Reynolds Host Town & Country

Thursday at 6 p. m., Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reynolds were hosts to the Town and Country Club for the Christmas social.

A turkey dinner was served and "88" was played afterward. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Olson, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Burrus, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Costley, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Byars, Mr. and Mrs. John Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Foster, Mr. and Mrs. John Cook, Mr. and Mrs. D. Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Lair.

## Palo Duro Park In Oil Magazine

A story proposing that Palo Duro State Park makes a good weekend trip for those who live in the Permian Basin is featured in the December issue of Drill Bit, a magazine for oil workers in the basin area.

Editor Dal Dalrymple visited the park earlier this fall and wrote of the wonders of Palo Duro. The story is one of a series on scenic wonders of the area which might be visited on a weekend by those who live in the Midland-Odessa, Hobbs, Seminole, Andrews area.



Once again the gleam of candles prompts our wishes for you for a Yuletide shining with joy and gladness!

## THE BUFFALO FOOD STORE

## SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS



OUR SOIL ★ OUR STRENGTH

The Soil Conservation District has obtained the use of a grass display board. This board contains 13 different kinds of grasses. These grass samples were obtained in their natural habitat in this county, most of them around Buffalo Lake.

The board has some buttons located on the bottom with the name of the grass written above. It also has some small light bulbs under each grass sample. When you press the button it will light the bulb under the grass which bears that name.

The grasses are mixed up so that the person has to guess at the kind of grass he wants. You can look at the name and then pick out the grass you think it is and press the button and if it lights up you have the right one.

This board will soon be placed in some public building, and the people are invited to test their knowledge of the different types of grasses. This board has been widely used and has created considerable interest in grasses.

It also reflects the effect of good management or deferred grazing on pastures, by showing such vigorous and healthy plants.

The Soil Conservation District, in cooperation with the Extension Service, plans to hold a grass judging contest and the public is invited to attend. The samples have been obtained locally and are in good condition considering the amount of moisture received this year.

Soil Conservation does more than save the land. It increases crop yields and this in turn lowers cost

of production. It helps check drought damage to crop land and pastures.

It does this by controlling runoff water and increasing the intake rate of water into the soil. This is done by increasing the organic matter in the soil by stubble mulching, cover crops and crop residue utilization.

Visiting friends in Canyon over the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wilkins, former residents and now residing in Fort Collins, Colo.

## Taylor-Evans Staff Has Christmas Party

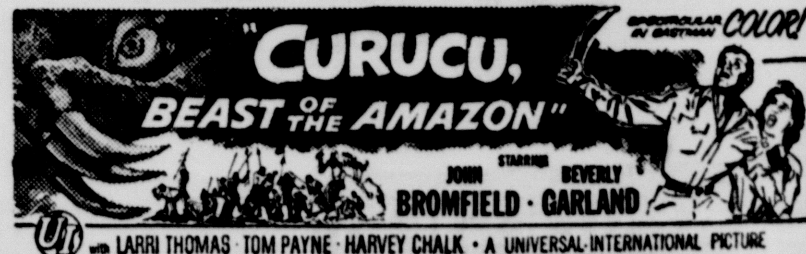
Employees of Taylor-Evans Farm Store in Canyon were feted at a Christmas dinner in the Blue Room of the college cafeteria on Friday evening. Afterward the group assembled at their employer's home, John P. Taylor, where "42" and "88" were enjoyed at three tables.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. A. H. Prichard and family of El Paso are visiting with the Hud Prichards for a few days during the holidays.

## VARSITY

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MONDAY 11:00 NEW YEAR'S EVE  
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THE GIRL HE LEFT BEHIND

STARRING

TAB HUNTER - NATALIE WOOD



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## B. C. TAYLOR SERVICE STATION



## Greetings

May this Holiday

Season be the

nicest you've

ever had!

## STERNENBERG LUMBER CO.



## DAN'S STORE





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Here's a grand opportunity to ease that after-Christmas Budget . . . some really outstanding food values to help you set a thrifty but appetizing table. And what's more, we'll continue to bring you the biggest food values possible throughout the coming year.

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<b>POTATOES</b>	Colorado Reds 25 lb. Sack	<b>69c</b>
<b>BELL PEPPERS</b>	California lb.	<b>16c</b>
<b>CAULIFLOWER</b>	Large Snow White Heads LB.	<b>10c</b>
<b>APPLES</b>	Idaho Romes lb.	<b>10c</b>

<b>LANES — ALL FLAVORS</b>	<b>1/2 GALLON</b>	
<b>Mellorine</b>		<b>39c</b>
<b>POWDERED SUGAR</b>	1 LB. BOX	<b>12c</b>
<b>CHARMIN — BOX OF 200</b>		
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# State Survey Gives Breakdown Of Drivers by Age, Sex, Race

Which is the better driver—a man or a woman?

Well, the Texas Department of Public Safety has just come up with the results of an exhaustive study which WON'T give the answer to that question but which the state agency expects to utilize as a step in resolving the answers to a lot of other traffic problems involving drivers of motor vehicles.

The DPS Statistical Division, on the basis of records of the Department's Driver's License Division, has prepared a comprehensive analysis of the state's licensed drivers by age, race, sex and the type of license each holds.

These figures are expected to be applicable to population breakdowns and traffic accident experiences in similar categories and thus put the finger on accident-prone segments of society.

N. K. Woerner, DPS Statistical Chief, made the study and came up with multiple-digit code percentages which, when multiplied by the number of licensed drivers on file at any given time, will give the total number of

persons with concise accuracy by age, race and sex who hold operators, commercial or chauffeurs licenses.

Previous studies both in Texas and nationwide have shown conclusively that there is a definite relationship between the number of persons holding valid driver's licenses and the number of traffic accidents which are recorded, but Woerner's new 25-page report and conversion chart composed what is believed to be the only survey of its kind ever made.

Using the Sept. 1, 1956, DPS Driver's License Division records as a basis for his study, Woerner shows that on that date there were 3,949,517 licensed drivers in Texas, of which 2,539,804 were men and 1,409,713 were women.

Of the male drivers, 1,716,804 held operators licenses; 684,953 possessed commercial licenses; and 138,047 were licensed as "chauffeurs."

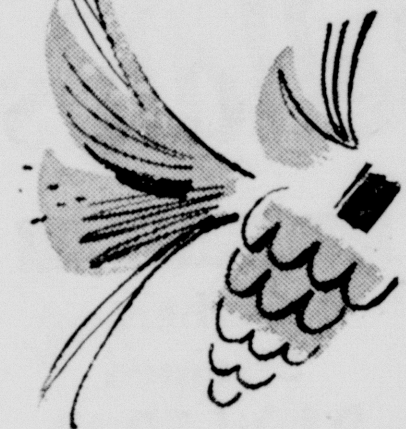
As might be expected, a vast preponderance of the ladies were licensed only to drive passenger cars, with 1,388,295 in this category. Another 16,995 females held licenses indicating they were qualified to drive commercial vehicles; and only 4,423 were in possession of chauffeurs licenses which allows them to drive passengers for hire.

Starting at age 14 (the youngest at which a person may qualify under certain conditions for any sort of driver's license in Texas), the number of individuals holding valid licenses increases from 4,937 (the number of 14-year-olds licensed). There, the number declines for the 30 and 31 year old age brackets, only to jump to 106,981 at age 32, the age group holding more licenses than any other.

From age 32, the number of licensed drivers remains in excess of 90,000 for each group through the age of 39. Beginning with age 40, however, the number of licensed drivers declines steadily—with a few exceptions—for each year of additional age through 85, the point at which the survey ceases to classify by specific age. While only 1,291 persons (including 1,173 men and 118 women) aged 85 hold valid licenses, that is not to indicate that no one over that age is licensed to drive.

As a matter of fact, 3,029 individuals who are older than 85 did hold perfectly good driver's licenses on Sept. 1. Of these,

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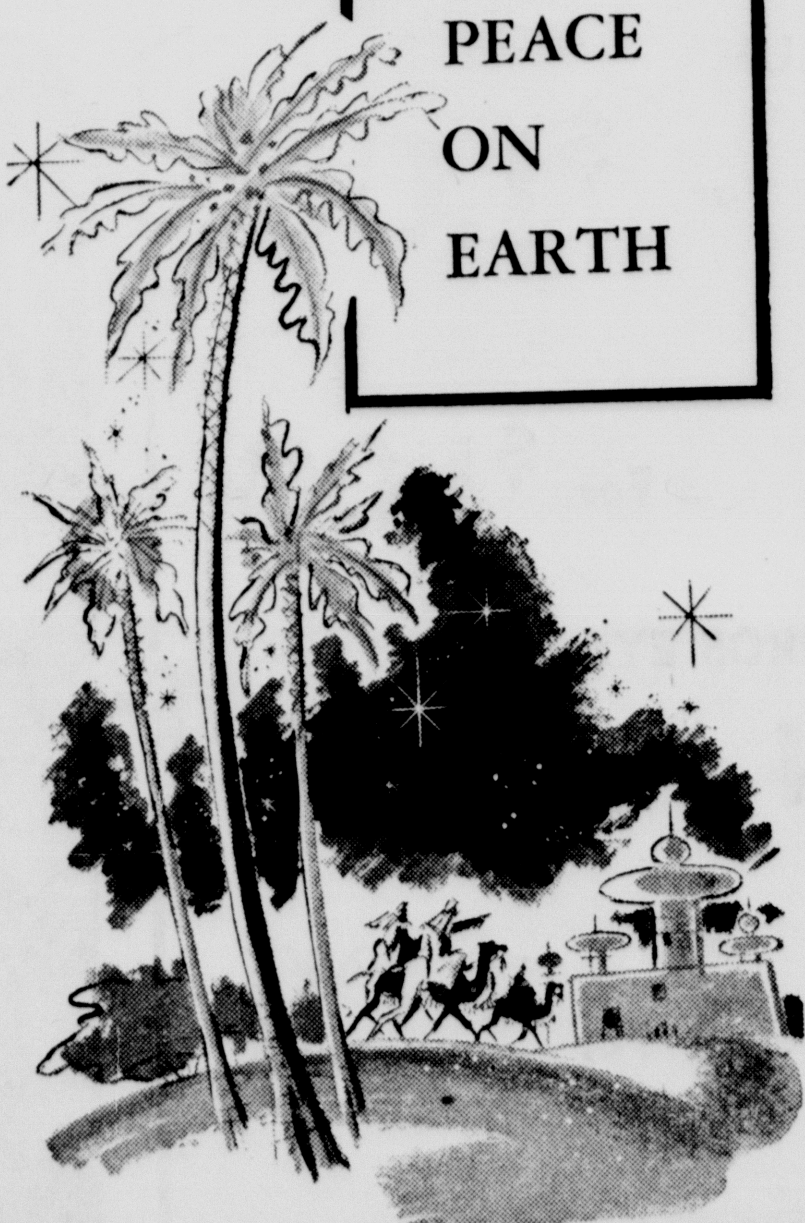
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## County Bond Sales Reach 74% of Goal

Randall County citizens purchased a total of \$27,379 Series E and H Savings Bonds during November to bring the year's total to \$259,480.

The county quota is \$350,000, and the total through November represents 74.1 per cent of the goal. The state average is 72 per cent of the quota, while the average for the District 1, of which Randall County is a part, is 74.7 per cent.

Don Standley is chairman of the Savings Bond Committee for the county.

## St. Francis, Friars Were First Carolers

"Noel, Noel . . ."

From the lips and hearts of carolers come such words as these as they observe one of the oldest and loveliest Christmas traditions—singing carols.

Christmas carols had their beginning in Italy in the 13th century. St. Francis of Assisi and his friars composed songs about the birth of Christ which they sang around a creche or tableau of the manger scene in order to make the story more vivid to their followers.

A carol in its true meaning is a song in which a religious theme is treated in a familiar and festive manner.

## Bible Verse to Study

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

1. Who was the author of the above invitation?
2. Of whom was he speaking?
3. Where was the author at the time of its writing?
4. Where may this verse be found?

## BIBLE VERSE ANSWERS:

1. The Apostle John.
2. Jesus.
3. A prisoner on the Isle of Patmos.
4. Revelation 3:20.

May 4, 1607, was the date of the first permanent English settlement in North America.

China adopted tea drinking because the water was impure.

2,777 were males and 249 were females. None of the ladies in this group held anything other than operator's licenses but 107 of the men were qualified as commercial operators.

The number of licensed male chauffeurs over 85 years of age was listed as "nil," which, according to Woerner's explanation, indicates that there are a few but that the number is so small as to have no meaning in his conversion factors.

Percentage-wise, the study shows that 64.3% of the state's licensed drivers are men and 35.7% are women. These figures, however, are not indicative of the accident-proneness of male and female drivers. Woerner explains, since the latter must necessarily be based on the number of miles actually driven annually by each sex.

This is known as accident exposure. Such information, he said, is not available and will not be until someone comes up with a practical method of surveying the state's nearly four million licensed drivers to find out just how many miles each drives.

"Anyway," Woerner adds, "we're not really concerned about which sex has the better drivers. There are good and bad in both . . . and the really important thing is for men and women alike to drive in such a manner as to merit individual commendation through law observance and motoring courtesy."



Cordially wishing you all a jolly Yuletide Season!

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## Dear Santa --

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy five years old. I think I have been a good boy. For Christmas I want a "Jack in the Box," "a play telephone," a "truck" and some blocks. Be seeing you Christmas.

Your friend,  
Stanley Wieck

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like to have a "Battery Drummer Bear," a Pon-Pon gun, some miniature "Indians, cowboys, and soldiers." I am a good boy and am four years old. Also some candy and nuts. Bye, see you Christmas.

Your friend,  
Mike Wieck

Dear Santa,  
I am a girl 10 years of age. I think I have been fairly good. For Christmas I would like to have a doll, a can-can, a box of 48 colors, a sweater, a nice dress. I would also like to have some candy

and nuts and oranges.  
Your friend,  
Linda Wieck

Dear Santa,  
I am a girl 7 years old. For Christmas I would like a pair of shoes, a walking doll, a nice dress, a play telephone, a pair of skates and some orange candy and nuts.

Your friend,  
Marilyn Wieck

Dear Santa,  
I am a girl seven years of age. I would like a Tiny Tears doll, a pair of shoes, a nice dress, a pair of skates, a play telephone. Some candy, oranges and nuts.

Your friend,  
Carolyn Wieck

Dear Santa,  
I am 8 years old. I have two brothers and my father is a farmer. I would like a watch very much. My teacher's name is Mrs. Goodman. My principal's name is Mr. Reeves. We like him very much.

Love,  
Linda Metcalf

Dear Santa,  
I would like a ball and bat. And I would like two guns and a BB gun.  
I am 8 years old. I will be 9 years old December 20, 1956. I

am a boy. There are four in my family. My sister is in the first grade. I'm in the third grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Goodman.  
Love,  
Darrell



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It's always such a pleasure to get in touch with you like this when Christmastime is here. It is a time for remembering old acquaintances, renewing old friendships — a time when eyes are alight and hearts are warm with the glow of giving and sharing happiness. May we add our wish that all of you, our friends and patrons, may enjoy the blessings of a very Merry Christmas!

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## Dear Santa --

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a Tiny Tear doll with a pretty dress. And I want some Dennis the Menace finger paints. And that is all I want. And please do not forget all the other little children in the world. If you can give me those two things I will be happy.

Love,  
Vicky Kelly

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★ ★ ★

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 8 years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a buggy, and a little bride doll. Please don't forget children overseas. And don't forget mother and daddy and my little sister and my little brother and my big brother too.

Love,  
Sharon Smith

★ ★ ★  
★ ★ ★

Dear Santa:  
We have been good. Jamie wants a girl's bicycle and a piano and a doll. Chris wants a Gene Autry Gitar and some other toys. Mark wants an electric football set and a hand car for his electric train.

Jamie, Chris, Mark Olson

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★ ★ ★

Dear Santa,  
I am a girl. And I would like for you to bring a monkey. I am 8 years old and I have one sister. I am in the third grade in Mrs. Goodman's room.

We do not have a chimney. On a table there will be a cookie for you.

Love,  
Joyce Louder

★ ★ ★  
★ ★ ★

Dear Santa,  
I would like a ballet doll for Christmas and we all want a record. I am in Mrs. Goodman's third grade.

My name is Kathleen Hodges.

Love,  
Kathleen

★ ★ ★  
★ ★ ★

Dear Santa,  
I am a girl and I'm 10 years old. I am in the third grade. I want a cooking set. I have 5 brothers and 4 sisters. My Daddy is a butcher.

From Lois Jean Aderete

★ ★ ★  
★ ★ ★

Dear Santa,  
I am 9 years old. I want two guns and a rifle. My brothers want a gun too. I want a football game and a basket game too. I would like some cars. My daddy is a mail carrier. I have three brothers.

Ronnie Stevens

★ ★ ★  
★ ★ ★

Dear Santa,  
I am a boy and I live in Canyon, Texas. I am 9 years old and I am in the third grade. I want a race bicycle for Christmas. My address is 111 28th Street. I have 3 sisters besides my mother and father. I do not know what my sisters want.

Love,  
Gary Dooley

★ ★ ★  
★ ★ ★

Dear Santa,  
I am a girl. I live on Third Ave. I want a doll for Christmas. My daddy works in the Post Office. His name is Hampton. I am in the third grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Goodman. I have two brothers. Their names are Harry and Howard. Guess that's all I have to say. Good by.

Love,  
Sharon Lisle

★ ★ ★  
★ ★ ★

Dear Santa,  
I am in Mrs. Goodman's room. I like school. I am 8 years old. I will soon be 9. I live on 2500 6th Ave. I like to go places. I have two brothers and two sisters. I would like a BB gun. My daddy is sick, but he is a mail clerk.

From Richard D. Bacon

Buy, Build, Live in Canyon!

## Canyon's A'Building



Calvary Baptist Church, located at 601 Fourth Avenue, has just started a \$15,000 addition to the church plant. Late last week, only the foundation had been constructed.

## Highway Patrol Commander Calls For Accident Prevention Program

Capt. J. W. Blackwell, commanding officer of the Amarillo District of the Texas Highway Patrol, has called on every motorist and pedestrian in the Panhandle to support the program "Back the Attack on Traffic Accidents."

This takes on added significance as the Christmas and New Year holiday season approaches.

Captain Blackwell recalls that during the 11-day Christmas Holiday period in 1955 there were 57 rural traffic accidents investigated in the Amarillo Patrol District. These were broken down as follows: 3 fatal accidents, 16 personal injury accidents, and 38 property damage accidents. Of the three fatal accidents, one occurred on Christmas Day and another occurred on New Year's Day.

During the entire year of 1955 there were 78 fatal accidents in the 26 counties of the Amarillo District resulting in 100 fatalities. As of noon on Dec. 13, 1956 there have been 72 fatal accidents with 92 deaths in the same area.

The primary violations found in the accidents during last year's Holiday Season were: 1) Speeding 2) Driving While Intoxicated 3) Failure to Grant Right of Way, and 4) Following Too Closely.

To "Step Up the Attack against Accidents," Capt. Blackwell has assigned his personnel to extra duty during the period from Dec. 21, 1956, through Jan. 1, 1957. In addition to extra hours of assignment, the use of split-shifts, and the use of radar, personnel from other divisions of the Department of Public Safety will work with Highway Patrolmen to provide additional manpower.

For a safe and joyous Christmas period, the Captain offers the following suggestions to all drivers:

1. Stay alert to extra dangers. Don't allow preoccupation with holiday concerns to divert your attention.
2. Slow down in bad weather and adjust your speed to the prevailing conditions at all times.
3. Don't drink and drive. If you drink don't drive — if you drive don't drink.
4. Slow down at night. Remember darkness doubles danger.
5. Obey all traffic laws.
6. Follow other vehicles at a safe distance. Allow at least one car length for every 10 m.p.h. speed under perfect conditions.
7. Stay on your side of the road at intersections, grade crossings, no passing zones, and on hills and curves.

8. Drive with courtesy.
9. Watch for pedestrians.
10. Accept your responsibility.

In conclusion Capt. Blackwell said, "We must not let last year's tragic history repeat itself on our public highways."

## Rats Played Role In 'Silent Night'

"Silent night, holy night . . ." Schools and churches throughout the world once again are ringing with this beautiful Christmas carol.

It was given to the world by an Austrian priest. The organ of a little church in Austria had become unfit for use because rodents had destroyed the bellows. It was only a few days before Christmas and Father Josef Mohr was troubled that the church's organ would not give forth its melodious strains.

Father Mohr told his organist that they must have something extra special for midnight mass. The day before Christmas Eve, Father Mohr was summoned to administer rites for a dying woman.

It was late when he returned to the little village, and as he came to a hill overlooking the sleepy little town, he fell to thinking.

The outline of the village below, snow-capped mountains above and an occasional flicker of light in the village left the priest spell-bound. He imagined the scenery must have been similar that night in Bethlehem.

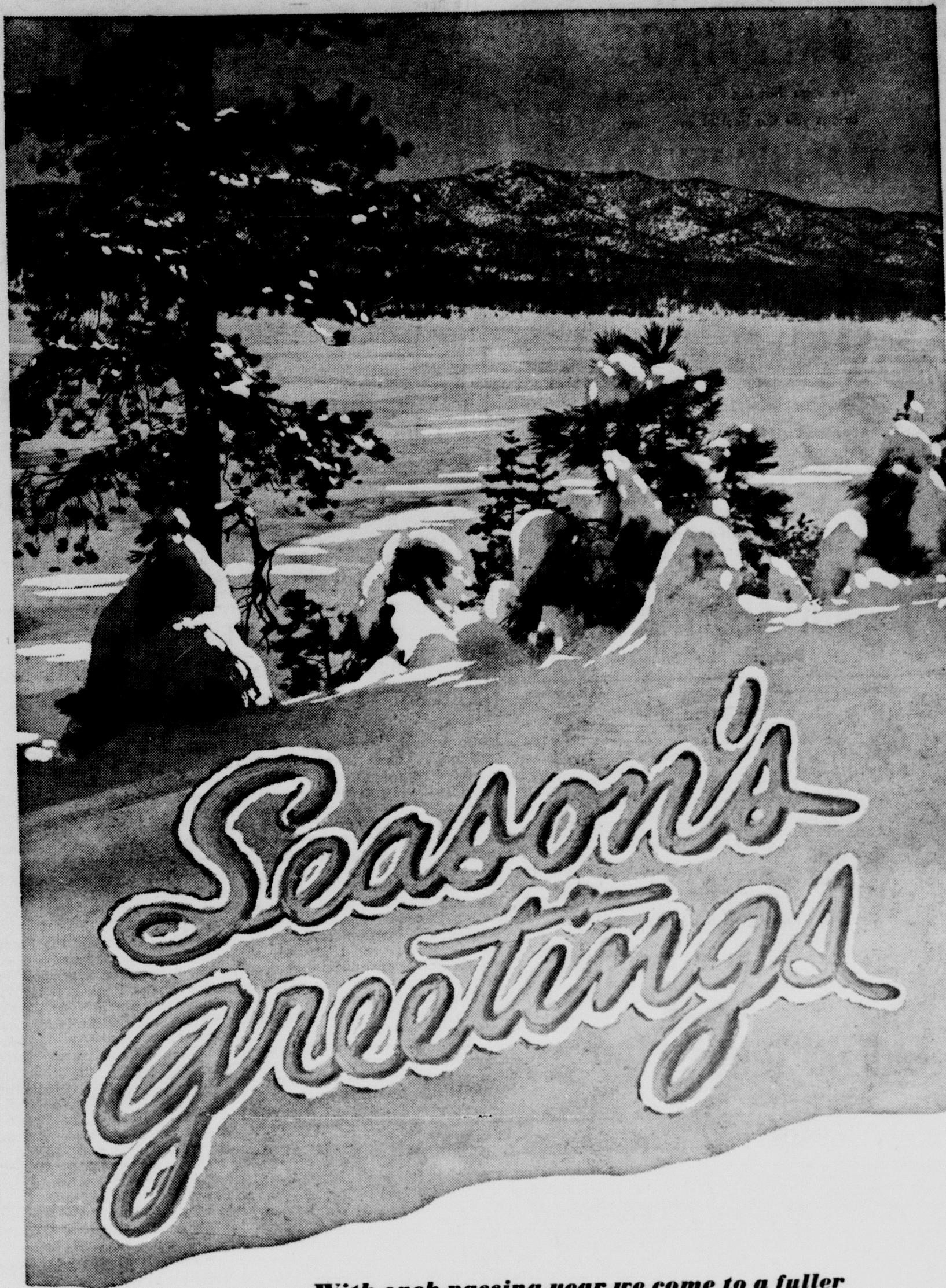
Deeply moved, he went home and wrote the words to the Christmas carol. The next morning, Father Mohr arose and took his song to his organist, Franz Gruber, who caught the spirit of the carol.

That night the audience in the little church missed their organ — that is until Father Mohr singing and Gruber accompanying him on his guitar, played the beautiful strains of "Silent Night."

Khaki is a Hindustan word meaning "dust colored."

"Yankee" comes from the Dutch word "yanku" meaning to snarl.

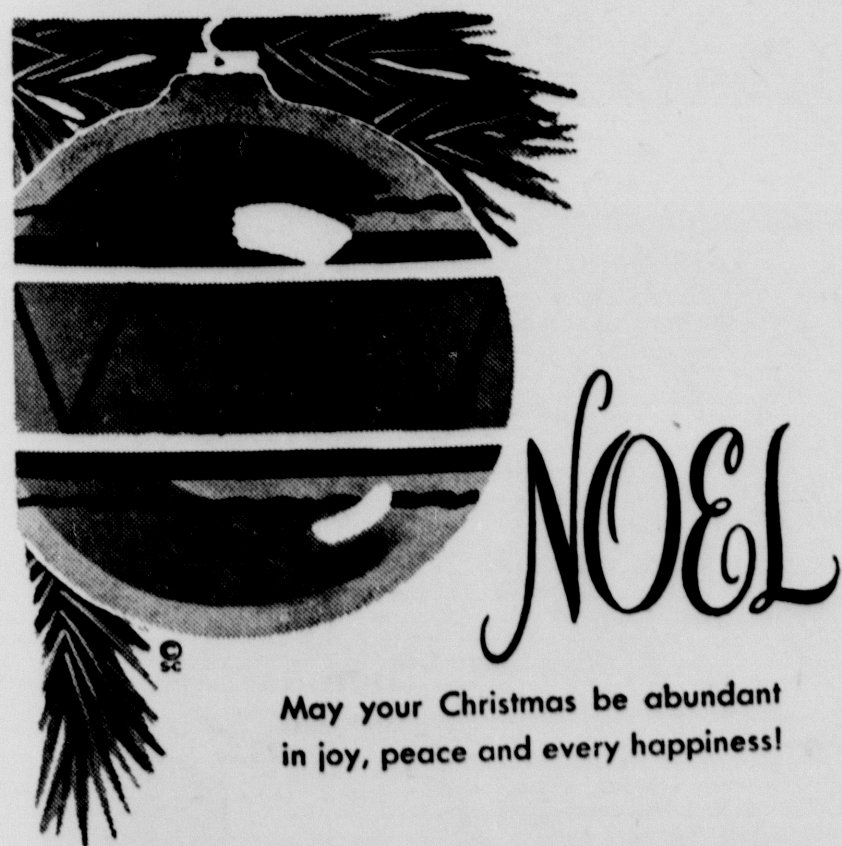
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**NEWS LETTER**  
**FROM CONGRESSMAN WALTER ROGERS**  
**OF THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

**Xmas**

On several occasions during my lifetime, I have heard criticism directed at people who, in referring to Christmas, used the term "Xmas." Some said that the word "Christmas" should never be abbreviated. Others said that to use the term "Xmas" was to leave "Christ" out of Christmas.

Others took the position that the use of the term "Xmas" indicated either laziness or inability to spell. In fact, the question came up at the Rogers household last year as to whether or not it was proper or improper to use the term "Xmas." I took the position that it was correct, and was immediately challenged to prove it.

The truth is that I really didn't know whether it was right or wrong at the time. However, the challenge caused me to seek information on the problem,

which I pass on to you.

The use of the term "Xmas" is not improper, is not a sign of laziness and is not leaving "Christ" out of Christmas. The fact is that the letter "X" signifies or represents "Christ." In Greek, Christ is written Xpistos and pronounced "Christos." The initial letter of the Greek word closely resembles our English letter "X." It is translated into English as "Ch" and is pronounced "Ki."

According to legend the Roman Emperor Constantine had a dream in which appeared a symbol very similar to the English letter "P" overlaid with an "X." As the sign appeared, Constantine is also supposed to have heard a voice saying, "In hoc signo vinces," which translated means, "In this sign thou shalt conquer." Constantine had this sign placed upon his flag considering it to be the first two letters of the Greek word "Xpistos" and called it "Sign of God."

The symbol or monogram is still in use and has been taken to mean "Peace" and "Christ."

Glory to God in the Highest,  
And on Earth Peace, Good Will  
Toward Men. —St. Luke 2:14

Our humble acknowledgment that we are truly a nation under God and are dedicated to the Christian principles expressed in the above verse is clearly exemplified by the programs and pageants held in every community of this nation large and small. The Capital City has its "Pageant of Peace."

This pageant is located on the "Ellipse," which is a park site with beautiful trees and grass, that lies between the White House and Constitution Avenue. Its area would cover several average city blocks. The pageant is open night and day from Dec. 20 through Jan. 1.

This year there is a Christmas tree-lined "Pathway of Peace." The trees will be set up by 50 foreign embassies and legations. It is interesting and encouraging to note that this represents the largest participation to date in this annual pageant.

Daily religious services and caroling are a feature of the program. Santa Claus is also present with his live reindeer. Needless to say, this draws a large attendance of the youngsters.

The "Pathway of Peace" will be the walk leading to the giant, national community Christmas tree. This Christmas tree was illuminated by President Eisenhower during ceremonies which began at 4:30 p. m. on the afternoon of Dec. 20.

The Christmas trees lining this pathway have been provided by the following embassies and legations: Argentina, Brazil, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Korea, Laos, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Rumania, Tunisia, Thailand, Turkey, Union of South Africa, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Yemen.

You will note that a number of these countries are not Christian countries. However, they wanted to participate in this pageant, and although there was some opposition voiced on the ground that some of these countries did not subscribe to Christianity, it was the general feeling that, "in keeping with true Christian principles," they should be not only permitted to participate, but invited and urged to participate. It is only through understanding between peoples that "peace on earth, good

**Christmas Legend**  
**4,000 Years Old**

How old is Christmas? Some sources trace its legendary beginnings back 40 centuries, ages deep in the lore of ancient Mesopotamia.

So an old, old Middle East Legend goes, there was a veritable Garden of Eden, rich in beauty and blessings, nestling between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. The land today is known as Iraq.

The tradition began in Mesopotamia as a 12-day festival heralding the renewal of another year with new hope and new life.

All the festivity of Christmas as we knew it was there in the streets of that forgotten nation—the singers, the Yule log, the gift exchange, the church processions—plus worship of the chief idol, Marduk.

The festival had grim overtones, though. As the people celebrated the coming year, they paid homage to Marduk, whom they believed had routed the earthly forces of chaos and created man to establish peace and order.

The legend held that the battle still raged in the spiritual world as evil legions fought to regain their superiority.

Thus, as each year began, Marduk again renewed the fight and at his side battled the king of the Mesopotamians, sacrificed on a pagan altar to the legend and religion prevailing over the remote corner of Asia more than 4,000 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dorn and two daughters of Lincoln, Neb., visited the H. D. Curtis home last week. Mrs. Powell is a sister of Mr. Curtis.

Only with the permission of Congress may an officer in the U. S. Government accept a title of nobility or order of honor from another country.

will toward men" can be attained.

In those countries that are today dominated by the Godless philosophies of government, the pathways are not lined with Christmas trees symbolizing peace and understanding, but with tanks and guns symbolizing the physical and mental enslavement of man by force and arms.

Let us all here be thankful during this Christmas Season, and for the years to come, for our many blessings and know that Christ must never be taken out of Christmas or any other day of our lives.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**  
**TO ALL OUR FRIENDS**  
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# The Eagle's Tale

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## Merry Christmas

For the last several days, and especially yesterday, the air was filled with joyous wishes of "Merry Christmas." Christmas is a time of well-wishing, and appropriately so.

One can easily find himself forgetting to do good for others during the rush and hurry of the Christmas season. But let's suppose one does remember to wish his friends a "happy holiday" and a "Happy New Year."

Helping to cheer others by a kind wish put just at the right time gives one a feeling that our highly commercialized Christmas season is not so futile after all.

If when each of us says to another, "Merry Christmas," or gives a gift, though it be small, the everlasting gift God gave to the world and the unselfishness of the life of that Holy Child born on Christmas night be remembered; then Christmas shall continue to be as significant as ever.

## Tune in Next Year

So long for a while. That's all the news for a while.

Yes, this is the last issue of The Eagle's Tale for 1956. This has been a good year for CHS. Our various teams, both athletic and organizational, have done well in the contests that they have entered. Students have accomplished a lot to better the community. Individuals have achieved some very worthy goals, both in and out of school.

But with the new year everyone has a clean slate and can begin anew. The coming year will give the chance to do something that was left undone this year. It will give an opportunity to make higher grades, be more considerate to others, and achieve personal goals, whether they be the purchase of some new article or winning a contest.

A new year is like an empty paper sack. It's only going to have what you put in it. If one doesn't want one's year full of failures, angry quarrels, or other unpleasant things, one should remember that the time to keep them out is now—the beginning of a new year.

Well, that's all for this year, kids. Tune in again next year, same paper, same staff.

## Christmas Songs Cathedral Set

A towering stained-glass window and chancel rails completed the setting of a cathedral in which the CHS choir sang in the Christmas assembly on Dec. 21.

Readings from the speech class were given by Mark Mickey and Rhett Plank. Mark read Luke 2:1-20, and Rhett gave the poem "Keeping Christmas" by Henry Van Dyke.

Four departments worked together to produce this effective program. Junior high art classes under the leadership of Miss Claudia Neelley, art instructor, designed and painted the stained-glass window done on paper. The industrial arts department under the instruction of Mr. Sidney Burgess contributed the frames for the stained-glass windows and the chancel rails. Speech students of Mrs. Cecil Simms gave two readings, and Miss Ada V. Clark directed the choir.

The choir sang "Silver Bells" by Livingston and Evans, "Christmas Roundelay" by Young and "Lullaby of Jesus" which is a French melody. Three French noels, "Once Upon a Winter's Night," "Sing Noel, Ye People" and "Come All Ye People" arranged by McGraw were sung. The last two numbers were "One Little Candle" by Mysels and Roach and a "Musical Christmas Card" by Cunkle. Marcus Robinson, the president of the choral club, announced the selections.

Principal James E. Miller wished the students a happy holiday, and



Christmas carols sung around the hall tree floated through the halls as CHS began its Yuletide celebration. The choir, under the direction of Miss Ada V. Clark, gathered around the tree to sing carols.

## Other Lands Celebrate

Christmas is universal. Each Christmas the magic spell cast at the time on which the Savior of the world was born spreads to all parts of the earth whether Christian or non-Christian.

Whether in Mexico enjoying the treats of the pinata, in Scotland observing Twelfth night with a nativity play, in Switzerland singing carols; or in America opening gifts around a lighted tree, one feels, even as the Buddhists, the deeper meaning of Christmas: God revealing Himself anew to man.

In Mexico gaiety, color, and merrymaking are in integral part of the Christmas celebration which begins Dec. 16. As in other parts

of the world beneath the gaiety of religious celebration. Christmas, religious meaning is sought most of all in Mexico.

Joseph and Mary spent nine days on their journey to Bethlehem; therefore the Mexicans begin their festivities nine days before Christmas.

Nine families join in the celebration together, each having a posada, or "inn." A procession in which there is carried on a platform small figures of Mary and Joseph comes to each posada begging for shelter for The Holy Family. Harsh refusals are given until the ninth night when a door is opened to them. Thus ends the

Following the posado each night, eating and dancing take place. The pinata, a gaily decorated earthen jar or a ball made in various shapes, filled with toys and goodies to eat, is the featured attraction. Several of the guests are blindfolded, given a long pole and endeavor to break open the pinata one at a time, each having three tries. A mad scramble for toys and candy results when the pinata receives the fatal blow.

Christmas, no matter how celebrated, is a summation of the age-long cry for "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men!"



The hands of Christmas create articles to spread good cheer and good will as the season of the birth of Jesus is upon the student body.

## Art Classes Decorate

Have you been in the art department lately?

Unless you have, you're likely to have missed many of the beautiful pieces that the students have been making for Christmas.

High school students have designed mobiles, Christmas cards, a creche, and wreaths. Wreaths and mobiles were also made by the junior high. These students made transparencies (both for their homes

and for the school Christmas programs), ceramic gifts, and stabiles. The Art III class designed their own Christmas cards. These were students who had never had a chance to work with block printing before and wanted to experiment with linoleum blocks. This class also made a mobile, a wreath, and a Christmas tree of evergreen and string.

Students of the first year art class made water color paintings to celebrate Yuletide spirit. The pictures were painted from real poinsettia, which was brought to class by a student teacher, Mrs. Sybil Allen.

A creche made of paper sculpture was created in the second year art class. Students also made mobiles. These mobiles were designed on the outdoor theme and on the theme of angels.

Strings, wires, and highly decorative dangles were made up into mobiles by the seventh and eighth grades. Subjects ranged from

Christmas and winter objects to modern abstract. The dangles were hung from the wire and balanced so that air currents would turn them.

Stabiles were created of wire and corks or tin cans. Students drew animals and attempted to adapt the drawings to their materials.

One of the major projects of the eighth grade was the making of a transparency 10 feet tall and 12 feet wide. This was made in the form of a stained glass window, which possessed the spiritual significance of Christmas, the look of stained glass (even though it was made of paper), and the feasibility of construction. Members of the industrial arts class made a frame for the piece, and the choir sang in front of it.

The junior high students made ceramic gifts for their parents or friends and designed wrapping paper for the presents. They also made wreaths of evergreen and pine cones.

### Happy Holiday

A journalist is a grumbler, a grumbler, a censor, a giver of advice, a regent of sovereigns, a tutor of nations. Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets.

—Napoleon

### SENIORS SEE WT GAME

A nip and tuck, thrilling basketball game between West Texas State College and Centenary of Shreveport, La., was witnessed by 11 CHS seniors on Dec. 15. The seniors were special guests of the Student Senate of the college.

### PAINTINGS DISPLAYED

Reproductions of famous paintings by Renaissance artists were displayed by Miss Mary Carter in her world history classes. The paintings were used in connection with a unit on the Renaissance. Miss Claudia Neelley, art instructor for Canyon High, furnished the pictures to the classes.

"Gat," the slang word for gun comes from the Gatling gun which was used before the modern machine gun.

### Russian Hits

1. You're the krenlin in my coffee.
2. Come to me my Malenkov, eh baby?
3. Little red crowd that spied.
4. Ural I want.
5. Red jails in the sunset.
6. Oh what a beautiful mourning.
7. Lenin call you sweetheart Ivan love with you.

The lights were turned down low, And the shades were fixed just so.

The moon softly shone, And midnight has gone. The family has retired for the night

When at last I'm through with my studies and can switch out the light.

—Annelle Dugan

When a star proceeds the number on some U. S. currency, it indicates that the bill is a substitute issued to replace one that was worn or defective.



Our countless wishes, sincere and hearty, are sent your way for a joyous Christmas Season!

## K SERVICE STATION



A hearty wish that you'll enjoy a jolly Yuletide Season!

## FOSTER LAUNDRY

At this Holiday Season, we would like to wish all of you, our friends and patrons, a Wonderful Christmas!



## The Eagle's Tale

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GREETINGS

The highlight of the year is to wish you a Merry Christmas!

## TOWER T. V.

# ANDERSON APPLIANCE



Canyon, Texas

## I GIVE YOU TEXAS

By  
BOYCE HOUSE

Back in the early 1920's, there was a writer who had a short story in almost every issue of Redbook Magazine, which is of course one of the best. His name was Gerald Beaumont. His yarns were entertaining with sentiment and some humor intermingled, and were about baseball, policemen and racing. Three or four had their setting at the Tia Juana race track which is just across the California line in old Mexico.

When Beaumont died, the big dailies published one paragraph under a one-line heading.

A fellow is a chump to write.

When I traveled with my father over Texas as a lad, we would stop at hotels in small towns and, after supper, in the lobby there would be lots of good talk. Usually there would be discussion of current events, maybe some politics—and humorous stories would be told. Occasionally, a somber note crept in.

One night a man told of a friend who was asleep when he heard a noise and in the darkness saw a burglar about to crawl through the window. The man drew his pistol from under the pillow, fired and the intruder fell into the room—dead.

"And now," the narrator concluded, "my friend continually dreams of shooting that man and seeing the body fall through the window."

## Holly Predates Christian Era

While the bright green and red of holly leaves and berries have come to symbolize the festive spirit of Christmas, holly was used in pagan celebrations long before Christianity swept through Europe. Holly probably was first brought into the rude huts of the pagans to provide refuge for the friendly fairies that played such a large role in their lives. At first, Christians hesitated about bringing this vestige of the pagan past into the Christmas celebration—the merry sprig of holly found its way into the happy spirit of Christmas.

Some things are etched deep in the memory.

In the early 1930's, I was on the staff of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. At an old settlers' homecoming in Weatherford, I met a Confederate veteran. He was a sergeant and, near the close of the struggle, the opposing forces were facing each other from entrenchments. It was necessary to call the roll at night but to have struck a light would have drawn the fire of a Yankee sharp-shooter. So the sergeant memorized the list—some 12 or 14 names.

Probably, at the time he was telling about it, he was the only member of the squad still living.

According to surveyor's measure, 36 square miles comprise a township.

A person who raises frogs for market is a ranaculturist.

## Canyon's A'Building



An addition to the G. W. Webb home at 200 20th Street will nearly double the size of the house. The building permit was for \$4,000.

## Washington Wrote America's First Christmas Story in Winter of 1776

"This is it, gentlemen—victory or death. That is our only watchword."

With that statement George Washington announced a decision which was to go down in history, as the first American Christmas story began to unfold.

The time was Christmas night, 1776. Speaking in final council of war, Washington said:

"Notwithstanding the discouraging accounts, I am determined to cross the river and make the attack on Trenton in the morning."

It was a crucial moment for the new American republic. The fortunes of the revolution were ebbing, and the great cause was being humiliated.

The army was existing on its nerves. Some 2,400 men along the Delaware River were in shreds and patches, leaving bloody footprints in the snow. They were hungry and gripped with dysentery.

Yet, a flame kept burning, a hope stayed alive.

Then came the crossing itself,

Silver and gold coins have a rough edge because if they were smooth it would be easy to file off some of the valuable metal without changing the coin's appearance.

A hypopyon is a black eye.

## Dear Santa --

Dear Santa,  
I am a girl. I live at 2600 8th Ave. I have a big brother. I am eight. My birthday is two days after Christmas. I am in Mrs. Goodman's third grade. I would like an old fashioned doll, a cooking set and a doll buggy.

Love,  
Darlene Gill

Dear Santa,  
I am a boy. I would like a 22 for Christmas. My brother wants a rocking horse. I am eight years old. My brother is one year old. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. My daddy works on Hub Motor Lines. I am in the third grade. James Richard Risner

Dear Santa,  
I'm in the third grade in Mrs. Goodman's room. I'm 9 years old and I live in the country. I would like to have a football.

Love,  
Bobby Hand

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl and I am in Mrs. Goodman's room. I'm 8 years old. My address is 1405 7th Ave. And I would like a doll for Christmas. My father owns the Monarch Cleaners. I have one sister and her name is Judy Clark.

Charolette Clark

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl. I live in the country. I help gather the eggs. I am in the third grade. I have 1 brother. For Christmas I would like a bride doll and a teaset.

Love,  
Shirley Gill



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# Christmas Plants Will Be Pretty Longer If Given Proper Attention

The color and beauty of Christmas plants which add to the festivity of the season, needn't fade away too soon. Proper care will keep the plants looking lovely longer.

Here are some pointers suggested by A. F. DeWerth, head of Texas A&M Department of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture.

Avoid drowning or water-logging plants by watering too often. On the other hand, remember that indoor atmosphere dries plants quickly. Follow directions for watering given with each plant. Drainage is important, too. If the pot is wrapped in metal foil, it may be necessary to cut a small hole in the bottom of the foil cover.

A potted cyclamen will bloom for several months if kept at a temperature of 65 to 68 degrees where it can get morning light. Never allow soil to dry out completely while the plant is blooming. When it starts to lose leaves, allow the soil to become drier than in the growing season—but not powder dry.

Some moisture must be present to keep the corm from drying up completely. Store in a cool dark place to carry it over a second season.

African violets need a sunny window during the middle of winter but can be put in the shade about the last of February. Let the soil get dry before watering.

## Four Boys Ranchers Here for Christmas

Four Boys Ranchers from Canyon will spend their Christmas vacation at home.

The four, Don, Dewayne, Edwin and Bob Wallen, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wallen. Another brother, Ronnie, who is at the ranch, is planning to spend Christmas with another buddy.

The Ranch had a mammoth Christmas party Wednesday, and the boys left for their homes Thursday.

## Sports Quiz

1. How many home runs did Mickey Mantle hit last year?
2. What A. L. team has more victories over the Yankees this year than defeats by them?
3. How much was Ted Williams recently fined by the Red Sox?
4. Who won the Kramer-Gonzales match in the recent Masters Tennis tourney at Los Angeles?
5. Who is Ralph Terry?

**THE ANSWERS:**  
 1. 37.  
 2. Detroit, 10 to 8.  
 3. \$5,000.  
 4. Richard Gonzales.  
 5. Rookie pitcher of the New York Yankees.

Colorado has the highest average altitude above sea level of any state.

# Dear Santa --

Dear Santa,  
 I want a Tiny Tears doll. I am a little girl. I live in Canyon. My house number is 1212 7th Ave. I live in town. I am 8. My birthday is May 3. I am a good girl. I have a girl friend. My Daddy works at the air base. I have one brother. I love to help people. I want a real house. I want one bad. Some times I play horses. Oh! I want one so bad.

Love,  
 Nancy Lee Petruccione

Dear Santa,  
 I'm a little girl. I live in the country. I am eight years old. My address is route two, Happy, Texas. I want some dresses and a doll. I am in the third grade. My sister is 5 years old.

Love,  
 Ernetta Knox

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Leslie Ray Howard. I'm a boy and my daddy is a

janitor at the college. He is going to college. I would like a BB gun. I am 9 years of age. I live in Canyon, Texas. My teacher is Mrs. Goodman. I am in the third grade. I have two brothers and one sister.

Love,  
 Leslie Ray Howard

Dear Santa,  
 I live in Canyon, Texas. I would like an electric train. I am a boy. I am 9 years old. My telephone number is OL5-3324 and my house number is 1001 25th Street. And my birthday is Nov. 7.

I am in Mrs. Goodman's room. My mother's name is Lola Johnson. My father's name is Bill G. Johnson.

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Dear Santa,  
 I would like for you to bring me a doll and some Colsete clothes for the doll I am going to get for Christmas this year. I am a girl and I am 9 years old. I live in town and my address is 1200 8th Ave. in Canyon, Texas. I have no brothers and no sisters. Father would like an electric

razor. My father works at the depot. His name is K. E. Hines. Love,  
 Stephen Charles Hines

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Dear Santa,  
 I am a boy. And I live in the country on Arden Road. I am 8 years old. I am in the third grade. I want a football suit for Christmas. My birthday is Dec. 11.

Love,  
 David Widick

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a football helmet, and shoes. I live at 1908 7th Ave. My Daddy works at the Humble filling station. I'm in the third grade. My teacher is Mrs. A. K. Goodman. I'm 8 years old.

Love,  
 Mike McBroom

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Dear Santa,  
 I am 8 years old. I want a wood truck and a pair of guns and a boat and a pair of boots and I hope everybody has a Merry Christmas. My name is John Fowler.

Dear Santa,  
 I'm a little girl. I am 9 years old. I live on a farm. I am in the third grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Goodman. For Christmas I would like a pogo stick, and accordion, and a sewing machine. I have a sister and a brother. My

daddy works on the railroad. My address is Rt. 4, Box 382, Amarillo, Texas.  
 Love,  
 Diane Davis

The Statue of Liberty was erected in 1886.



... to all our friends  
 and wishing you  
 much happiness!

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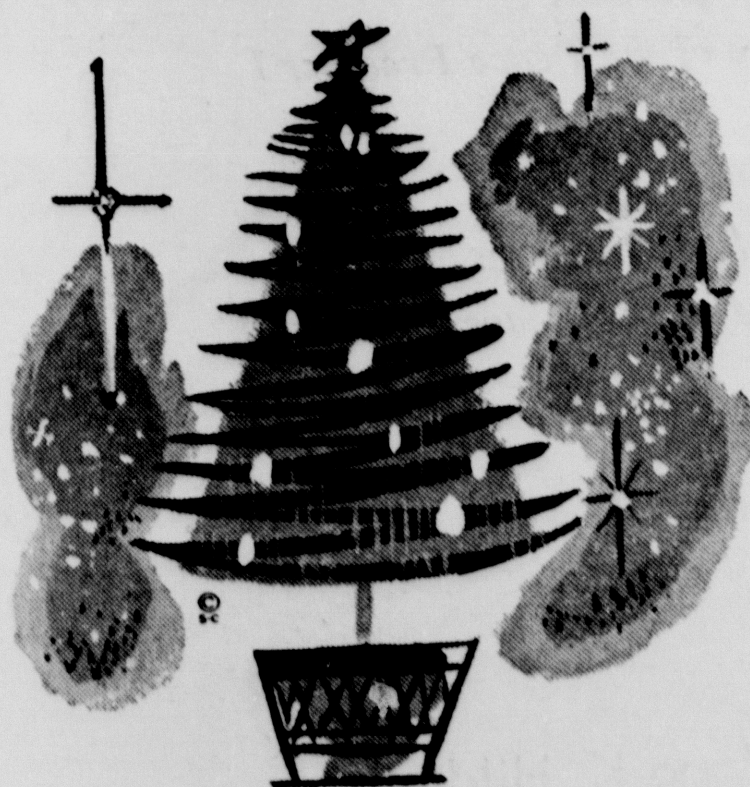
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## Peace On Earth... Good Will Toward Men!

Once again it is time to reread the ever-beautiful Christmas story. May the wonder of its meaning be renewed in our minds and hearts during this blessed season and may Peace and Good Will reign at Christmastime.

"..... For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

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